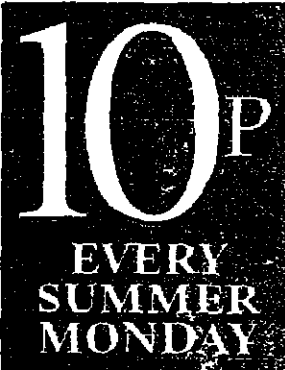
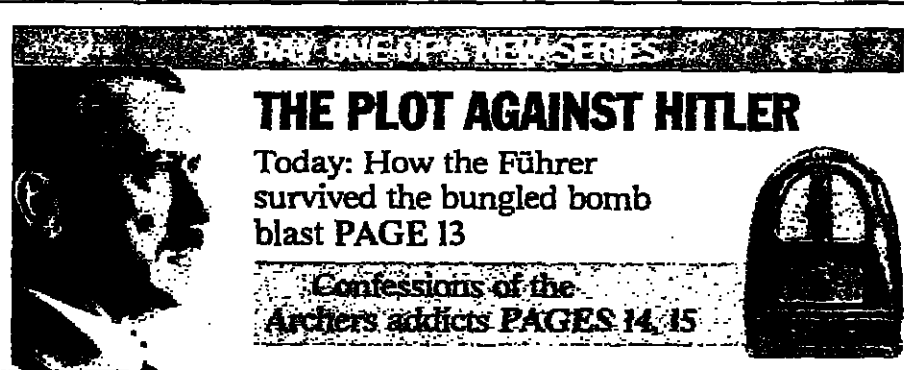


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Commons must rule, says Redwood

Tories urge battle over 48-hour week

By IAN MURRAY, CHARLES BREMNER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

TORY MPs are to try to force the Prime Minister into a head-on confrontation with Brussels over a ruling by the European Court imposing a maximum 48-hour week on British workers.

Although the judgment is not likely to be issued by the court until September, the Euro-sceptics intend to exploit the issue this week.

The MPs plan to keep Mr Major to the promise he made in the Commons last week that he would block any progress at the Maastricht review conference unless Britain was allowed to retain its opt-out from the 48-hour working week.

The Government has been warned that it would be breaking the law and liable to heavy claims for damages in the British courts if it defies the directive.

"We have got to sort out who is top dog, Parliament or an unelected group of lawyers sitting in Luxembourg," John Redwood, the former Cabinet minister and leadership challenger, said last night. "We have got to change the law to assert Parliament's will above the European Court."

"We signed the Maastricht treaty, including the opt-out clause, in good faith. When you get a decision from the court which is totally incompatible with something the British Parliament has ap-



Redwood: law must be changed, not broken

proved, then you have to establish which of the two is the senior authority."

Mr Redwood said he did not agree that Britain should disobey the court or re-implement a policy of non-cooperation in an attempt to force the EU to amend the treaties.

"Germany already has a constitution which makes European law subject to its own national law. All I want to see is a British version of what the Germans have already."

The directive comes into force in November and from then on will be binding on all public sector employees, including those working for the Government. If Parliament does not incorporate the directive into British legislation, any private employee made to

work longer than 48 hours could sue the Government for damages on the grounds that it had deliberately failed to implement EU law.

Doctors, emergency services and transport workers are among the few who would be exempt. Workers would be allowed to work longer than 48 hours a week if they volunteered to do so.

The likelihood is that this will create two scales of overtime payment, with lower rates for time between a normal 40-hour working week and 48 hours and a higher rate for hours in excess of the EU maximum.

Nicholas Budgen, MP for Wolverhampton South West, who is also a Euro-sceptic, said he believed the best strategy would be to re-introduce the policy of non-cooperation used in the BSE crisis.

"We can only solve this by an amendment to the Maastricht treaty," he said. "We must comply with the court. We cannot pick and choose which bits of community legislation we accept, as that would undermine our position as a law-abiding member. Breaking European law would have very big consequences, so we have to do this by changing the law."

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, rejected demands for a renewed campaign of non-cooperation.

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Krajicek with the singles champion's trophy

Three set win for unseeded Krajicek

By JOANNA BAILE

HOLLAND'S Richard Krajicek created a Wimbledon first yesterday by beating the American Maliwa Washington in the first men's final to feature two unseeded players.

The big-serving, 6ft 5in Dutchman won in straight sets 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 after rain disrupted play three times. Washington was the first black men's finalist since Arthur Ashe beat Jimmy Connors 21 years ago.

The event saw another first — a woman streaker who ran across Centre Court towards the Royal Box as Krajicek and Washington were warming up before the match. Melissa Johnson, a 23-year-old student, was taken to Wimbledon police station, but was released without charge.

Krajicek's victory was watched by his mother and Dutch TV presenter girlfriend, Daphne Deckers. She said: "He's never played so well. He looks so calm like an ice man but I know inside he feels like a tornado. It is a dream made in heaven. I gave him an extra special big kiss this morning," Miss Deckers said.

Until yesterday, Krajicek's career had been plagued by injury and psychological problems.

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Daphne Deckers, Richard Krajicek's girlfriend, watching him yesterday

Oxford boosts 261 academics to more senior titles

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

OXFORD University has almost doubled its number of professors, appointing more in a single day than in the past decade, in an unprecedented attempt to raise the status of its dons.

Lecturers at Oxford and Cambridge have grown increasingly frustrated at playing second fiddle to less eminent academics elsewhere. American universities have always conferred professorships on a high proportion of their staff and the widespread use of the title by new universities brought matters to a head.

Cambridge is still discussing how to address the issue, but Oxford decided last year to establish a new cadre of "titular" professors. A Distinctions Committee of 14 academics has accepted the claims of 162 dons to become professors and promoted another 99 to the lesser title of reader.

The new professors will receive no more money and their duties will be unaffected, but they will be able to use the coveted title. To most observers, the titular professors will be indistinguishable from those who hold chairs.

A number of well-known academics will feature on the list of promotions announced today. Among them is Vernon Bogdanor, an authority on constitutional issues, and Roger Hood, a criminologist who has written extensively on the death penalty and sentencing.

More than 200 dons applied for professorships, and were judged against the research records of holders of the title in other leading universities, as well as on their teaching and administrative work. The 80 per cent success rate will bring the number of professors to

361, out of an academic staff of 1,262.

The exercise is to be repeated annually, although the number of promotions will be much smaller in future.

Dr Paul Slack, the chairman of Oxford's General Board, said: "The purpose of this exercise was to give appropriate recognition to the outstanding quality of the academics in this university, despite the financial pressures which prevent us from increasing the number of stipendiary professors."

The university's response to the growth in the number of professorships elsewhere was the subject of heated debate. Some existing professors felt that their title would be devalued by a wave of appointments, while some of those aspiring to the title wanted the full benefits of a professorship. As well as attracting a higher salary, the stipendiary grade brings a reduction in teaching duties to give the holder more time for research.

In its early stages, the debate was sidetracked into a controversy over opportunities for women at Oxford. A proposal to create 15 full professorships was rejected by Congregation, the dons' parliament, because the shortage of women in senior positions was thought to guarantee that most of those promoted would be men.

The much larger list of titular appointments appears to have benefited female academics, 85 per cent of whom were successful in applications for readerships or professorships, compared with 79 per cent of men. The number of women professors will more than double, from 12 to 20.

Loyalist protesters block Ulster roads

By NICHOLAS WATTS, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A CONFRONTATION between hundreds of Orangemen and armed police on the outskirts of Portadown, County Armagh, intensified last night amid fears that the protest could spread throughout Northern Ireland.

Loyalists threw stones and missiles at police lines at Drumcree to register their anger at the police decision to reroute an Orange parade away from the Nationalist Garvaghy Road area of Portadown. Violence flared after Orangemen, who have marched into Portadown along the route for 189 years, vowed to camp outside the small parish church at Drumcree until they were allowed to follow their traditional route. The Loyalists staged a similar protests last

year for three days until they were eventually allowed to March down the Garvaghy Road. The deadlock led to some of the most serious violence between Loyalists and the RUC in a decade.

The RUC mounted a massive security operation yesterday to prevent a repeat of last year's clashes. More than 2,000 police officers, supported by two battalions of soldiers on standby, were drafted into the Portadown area. Thousands of other RUC officers were put on alert throughout Northern Ireland. Helicopters hovered over Drumcree and barbed-wire fences were erected to prevent Loyalists from breaking through to the Nationalist area.

Orangemen reacted furiously to the security operation and accused the RUC of hemming them in. Harold

GrandMet bid denied by Guinness

GUINNESS, the name behind brands such as Johnnie Walker, Bells and Gordon's Gin, will make a Stock Exchange statement today, after reports that it has considered launching a takeover bid for Grand Metropolitan, whose own brands include Smirnoff Vodka, J&B Rare Whisky, Malibu and Jose Cuervo tequila.

Speculation that a £13 billion bid was being planned was increased by a leaked document prepared by Lazard, which acts as chief City adviser to Guinness.

Although Guinness denied last night that it would make a hostile bid for GrandMet, analysts do not rule out an attempt to forge an agreement between the two companies to combine their interests in spirits.

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Mosquitoes could be flying hypodermics against malaria

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A NEW breed of mosquito could be designed to act as a "flying hypodermic syringe" to prevent malaria, the disease they normally spread.

The genetically-engineered mosquito would transfer a protein through its saliva, which would act as a vaccine, immunising its victim against the disease, which claims more than two million lives a year.

A patent on the idea has been granted to Professor Bob Sinden of Imperial College, London, and Profes-

sor Julian Crampton of Liverpool University. The scheme could be used to immunise people and animals against a wide range of diseases, and any biting insect, not only mosquitoes, could be used to carry the vaccine.

"We are exceedingly excited by the research," Prof Sinden said. "It's eminently logical, and we are confident we can make it work."

The technique described in the patent application has not been publicised but was spotted by Derwent, a scientific information company. The trick is to modify the insect's salivary gland by introducing a foreign

gene. When blood-sucking insects bite, their salivary glands produce chemicals that encourage their victims' blood to flow. This action is under the control of a gene that is switched on by a control region, a section of DNA lying near the gene.

"We steal this control region and attach it to a gene that produces an antigen known to stimulate the body to resist the parasite," Prof Sinden said. The modified gene can be put back into the insect using a variety of well-established techniques. The result should be an insect which keeps on "topping-up" the immune system of

those it bites, so that an antigen that would not necessarily be effective as a single vaccination provides good long-term protection.

There is no intention of releasing any such creatures until all the implications have been carefully studied, and exhaustive tests carried out in the laboratory, Prof Sinden said.

Professor Crampton said that the gene had been successfully introduced and that it produced antigen in sufficient amounts. Trials using mice would be used to establish that bites from the modified mosquitoes were enough to produce immunity.

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Blair avoids row over MPs' elections

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR has backed away from a confrontation with his MPs over a proposal to scrap this year's elections to the Shadow Cabinet.

Labour's leadership is expecting in-fighting after more than 100 backbenchers criticised suggestions by senior figures that the annual elections to the front bench be cancelled. Backbenchers are alarmed at the prospect of this year's poll being abandoned and Mr Blair has agreed to accept their decision when they force a vote on the issue next week.

Andrew Mackinlay, the Labour MP for Thurrock, disclosed that 110 of the 175

backbenchers had supported his call for the elections to go ahead. "There were strong reasons for believing there were some important people in the party who were trying to prevent the elections," he said.

However, John Reid, a frontbench MP, is expected to press next week's meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party to vote that the election be cancelled. "Our sole aim should be the defeat of the Conservatives, not the defeat of Shadow Cabinet members," Mr Blair's aides were adamant that the leader was not behind Mr Reid's move.

Although Mr Blair was

Tony Blair faced further embarrassment over education yesterday as his son's school said it could be forced out of the state system under a Labour government. Mr Blair's eldest son, Euan, attends the grant-maintained London Oratory in Fulham, southwest London. Labour would force grant-maintained schools to agree admissions policies with the local authority. John McIntosh, London Oratory's headmaster, said the plans threatened his school's character.

described by aides as being "totally relaxed" about the issue, senior colleagues gave warning that the elections were likely to pose damaging problems for the leadership in the run-up to the general election.

They remain nervous about the prospect of a highly publicised battle which could

lead to at least two senior MPs, Harriet Harman, Shadow Health Secretary, and Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, being ousted from the Shadow Cabinet.

One Shadow Cabinet minister said: "If Tony thinks this election is just going through the motions, he will have a shock. There are people look-

ing for a scalp, not just a token."

Another Shadow Cabinet member said Mr Blair had been "chastened" by the hostility of backbench MPs to his decision that there be a referendum on the future of Scotland. "He is not in the mood for a fight over an issue that doesn't bother him too much."

But Labour MPs are divided over the wisdom of holding a poll that could see left-wing MPs seek to force out Mr Harman over her decision to send her son to a selective school.

This Wednesday, several frontbench Labour MPs are expected to ignore Mr Blair's appeal for restraint over MPs' pay when the Commons votes

on the matter. The Labour leader matched John Major last week in calling for MPs and ministers to be restricted to a 3 per cent pay rise rather than the increase of at least 26 per cent recommended by an independent body.

Three Shadow Cabinet members indicated yesterday that they would support the full increases, claiming that MPs deserved to catch up, after falling behind comparable professions.

Mr Blair is allowing his MPs a free vote; the Government is demanding that ministers and their aides back the 3 per cent.

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Mayhew to stand down at general election

By JAMES LANDALE

SIR PATRICK MAYHEW, the Northern Ireland Secretary, is to stand down from Parliament at the general election. He ended months of speculation about his future by making the announcement to a meeting of his constituency officers in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, at the weekend.

However, it is unlikely that Sir Patrick will resign from the Cabinet before the election. Earlier this year he said it was his duty to serve until the end of the Government's term.

Sir Patrick has represented his constituency for 22 years and will hand on a majority of 17,132. His retirement will prompt a rush of applications for what is one of the safest seats in the country. Possible successors could include Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, who is expected to return to British politics when the colony returns to Chinese rule next year.

At 66, Sir Patrick is one of the Orange order's oldest and most experienced Cabinet colleagues. He has been a driving force in the peace process. But "has" recently shown signs of fatigue.

Mr Major is keen to maintain some continuity in Belfast and Sir Patrick's deputy at the Northern Ireland Office, Michael Ancram, is one of the frontrunners to succeed him.



Police confront Orangemen on the Drumcree Road, barring their way through a Catholic area of Portadown

March protests block Ulster roads

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Gracey, the District Grandmaster of the Orange order in Portadown said: "There is a ring of steel round Portadown. So it is now the siege of Portadown. In fact it is even wider than that. It is the siege of Ulster."

In an address to hundreds of Orangemen outside the church at Drumcree, Mr Gracey vowed to stay until the RUC allowed his local Orange order to parade along their traditional route. He

said: "If we fail in this you can rest assured we are finished. Dublin has given the order for this."

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, and MP for North Antrim, told cheering supporters that the Orangemen's protest was "worth fighting for and worth dying for".

Security sources voiced fears that the Loyalists from the mid-Ulster brigade of the Ulster Volunteer Force might try to provoke further violence.

The Orange protest spread beyond Drumcree last night when hundreds of Loyalists closed roads throughout Northern Ireland. The main M1 motorway was closed 20 miles West of Belfast when Loyalists blocked both carriageways at Moira, Co Antrim. Hundreds of Loyalists also closed off roads into Newtownards, Co Down, and Maghera, Co Londonderry.

The main Belfast-to-Dublin road was blocked for a time at Dromore, Co Down.

One school in ten 'plans sackings'

One school in ten is planning to sack teachers this summer in a wave of redundancies that could claim 4,000 jobs, the Association of Teachers and Lecturers says today. The association said the teachers most likely to lose their jobs were the most experienced.

The Department for Education and Employment said that similar predictions in previous years had proved to be exaggerated. Schools must issue formal notices of redundancy at this time of year to meet contractual obligations, whether or not the job was certain to be lost, a spokesman said.

Kerb crawlers

Residents in areas plagued by prostitution want convicted kerb crawlers to be shamed by publication of their names in local newspapers, a cross-parliamentary group on prostitution reports. It suggests that if kerb crawling became a traffic offence, those convicted could have their licences endorsed.

Pilots' strike

British Airways pilots' leaders have said that company plans to keep their planes in the air when flight crews go on strike would fail. The British Airline Pilots' Association said: "Before a foreign pilot could fly a BA aircraft they would have to be assessed by a BA training captain, the vast majority of whom are BAPLA members."

Tube strike

Commuters face more travel problems today when 2,000 London Underground drivers stage their third strike in support of a shorter working week in spite of an invitation to peace talks. The drivers' union Aslef said it was still evaluating the invitation from the conciliation service Acas, which was quickly accepted by London Transport.

Irish crime fear

Nine out of ten Irish people believe the Dublin Government is losing the battle against crime, according to a poll published yesterday. 11 days after the gangland murder of the journalist Veronica Guerin. The poll in the *Sunday Independent* newspaper found 65 per cent did not believe her killers would be brought to justice.

Wind-up winner

A clockwork radio has beaten off competition from a drink can crusher and the nose of the Eurostar train to win top prize in the 1996 BBC Design Awards. The Freeplay wind-up radio, which uses no electricity or batteries, was developed by its inventor Trevor Baylis and designer Andy Davey for use in Third World countries.

999 overload

A huge increase in the number of 999 calls from mobile telephones is threatening to undermine the emergency services. Police say that the calls often duplicate the same incident, increasing the time it takes to respond to emergencies. A new number to deal with trivial incidents, including cats stuck in trees, is being proposed.

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Princess turns to Duchess for advice

By CAROL MIDGLEY

THE Princess of Wales sought advice from the Duchess of York yesterday over the draft divorce settlement put to her by her husband.

During Sunday lunch at the Duchess's rented home on the Westworth estate in Surrey, the Princess is understood to have asked for guidance over the offer, which is believed to include a lump sum of between £10 million and £20 million. She has watched the recent divorce negotiations between the Duke and Duchess of York with interest.

Her solicitor, Anthony Julius, a partner at Mishcon de Reya, described the Duchess as "the yellow canary", a reference to the birds coal miners used to take down the pit to check for poisonous gas ahead.

According to reports yesterday, the Princess has also been receiving advice from another royal divorcee, Captain Mark Phillips, the former husband of the Princess Royal. It is said to be he who urged her to be certain of the precise terms of the settlement before agreeing to start divorce proceedings, having felt he was too trusting with Buckingham Palace over his own divorce.

Clarke says voters want job security before tax cuts

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE took his firmest stand yet against calls for tax cuts yesterday as he pointed to worsening economic forecasts that will undermine Tory hopes of a giveaway Budget.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer set out a downbeat assessment of the prospects of tax reductions as he prepares for the opening stages of a tough public spending round with Cabinet colleagues. He dismissed suggestions that tax cuts were likely and added that they were "down the scale" in the public's list of priorities.

He admitted that past forecasts of public sector borrowing had been wrong and that he would have to revise figures, reducing the opportunity for cutting tax. The Chancellor is expected tomorrow to increase the forecast for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement from £22.5 billion to about £28 billion and next week to scale down projections of economic growth from 3 per cent to 2.5 per cent.

My boffins got their estimates wrong," he said in an interview with BBC's *Breakfast with Frost*.

Tory MPs viewed his comments with growing nervousness yesterday. One minister

said: "This is not just a Chancellor being negative before a public spending round. He actually has figures to show that things are not as good as we would have hoped at this stage."

Mr Clarke will underline his difficulties when Cabinet ministers begin their public spending round next week. Senior Treasury figures said that Mr Clarke was adamant that ministers should meet the £268 billion spending target, or even reduce it. However, he was dismissive of claims by John Redwood, the former Welsh Secretary, that up to £6 billion could be cut.

He said that job security, a buoyant housing market and higher earnings were more important to voters than tax cuts. "I am not going to do it [cut taxes] if it will drive up our borrowing or delay the real economy out there feeling good. Tax comes down the scale compared to all those things that matter to real families."

Gordon Brown, Labour's Shadow Chancellor, accused Mr Clarke of refusing to spell out the true scale of the "black hole" that had developed in public finances.

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Battle over 48-hour week

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"Non-cooperation is not going to alter the judgment of the court... One thing we made clear when we were not co-operating is that the British Government, certainly Conservative governments, obey the law."

The Chancellor echoed John Major's acknowledgement that Britain will be unable to overturn the court's decision, but backbench Tories are angered by the Government's refusal to take a more aggressive stance on the issue.

The Government's quarrel over working hours goes well beyond its anger over what it

sees as the court's habit of pursuing a federal political agenda in its rulings. In Mr Major's view, it impinges on Britain's freedom to opt out of social legislation.

Several EU states, as well as Commission officials, have made no secret of their desire to bring Britain into line on employment law at the IGC, both for the good of British workers and to stop employers enjoying what rivals see as an unfair advantage in the form of lower wage costs.

The so-called "working time directive" was agreed in 1993, setting a maximum 48-hour week with compulsory rest

periods every six hours, a minimum daily rest period of 11 hours, one day off a week and four weeks paid annual holiday for all workers.

Had the directive been classified as an employment rather than a health and safety measure, Britain would have been unaffected because it would then have come under the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty and thus have been covered by the British opt-out.

Putting the rules into practice could cost the Treasury and industry hundreds of millions of pounds, according to British businessmen.



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Comments from a former Wimbledon winner helped Krajicek to overcome his mental block

Parental pressure almost drove champion to quit

By JOANNA BALE

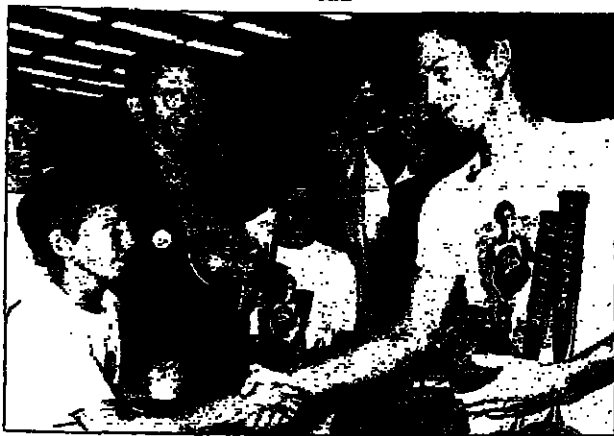
LIKE his more famous counterparts Steffi Graf and Mary Pierce, the new Wimbledon champion, Richard Krajicek, has had a troubled relationship with his father.

The 24-year-old Dutchman was born a year after his Czech parents, Petr and Ludmila, fled their country in 1970 and settled in Rotterdam. When he was four years old his father thrust a tennis racket into his hand, embarking on a strict training regime with the sole ambition of turning his son into a star.

The methods he used to instil the discipline needed to succeed were often harsh and eventually prompted Krajicek to cut off all contact with his father when his parents divorced while he was a teenager.

Karel Huidkamp, a Dutch tennis correspondent, said: "His father would force him to practise for hours, dragging him back on to the court against his will even when he was exhausted and often in tears." Another added: "If he lost a match he would be forced to walk several miles home while his father drove. It was a method that many Eastern Europeans used."

In the early 1990s, when Krajicek's career began to take off, he decided to get back in touch with his father and the two were reconciled, although he was not present on Centre



A young Krajicek, hailed as a wunderkind by the media in Holland, with his idol, John McEnroe

Court yesterday to see his son fulfil his greatest dream.

Petr is said to be using the same strict regime to train his six-year-old daughter from his second marriage, who is said to have great promise.

Kraai (crow), as he is known, now declines to talk about his father, but he admits the regime gave him a fierce determination to win. Dominating the Dutch junior competition from the age of 11, he idolised John McEnroe and was touted as a "wunderkind" by the media. But when he began to lose matches after his parents' marriage broke down, he almost gave up tennis.

Talking about his early days as a child tennis star, he said: "Everybody wanted to know me then. It was weird. I didn't

have a clue what was going on. Then I started playing badly, losing games. My parents got divorced. And then nobody wanted to know me. I even considered giving up tennis at one point."

He decided to soldier on but admits that his game was constantly thwarted by an over-anxiety to succeed, a legacy from his father's training regime, as well as frequent injury problems. At 11ft 5in and one of the fastest servers in the world at 134mph, he is a formidable opponent, but has had to resort to psychotherapy to fulfil his potential.

Ted Troost, who uses a mixture of psychotherapy and physiotherapy, is an important figure in Krajicek's life. He said: "Krajicek always

played against two opponents, his actual opponent and himself."

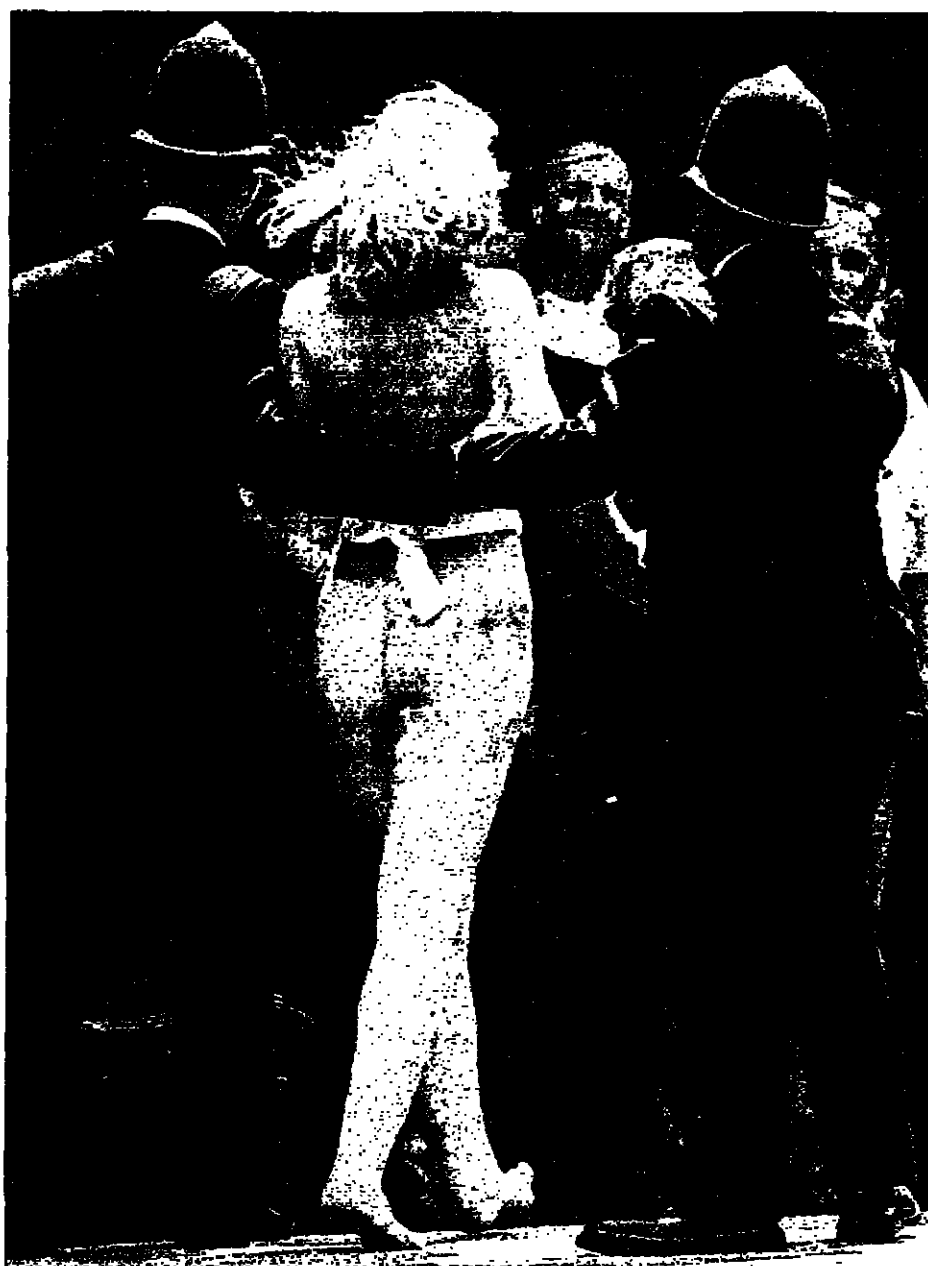
Throughout the Australian Open in January, Krajicek talked constantly about how he believed that keeping himself injury-free was a case of "mind over matter", but then dropped out of the semi-finals with a shoulder injury.

Andre Agassi remarked at the tournament that the Dutchman's problems were in his head and Krajicek admitted this week that those comments had spurred him to overcome a mental block. He said: "I changed my attitude after the Australian Open. I was so uptight about not getting injured that I was putting mental pressure on myself."

Krajicek appears to have matured since causing controversy at Wimbledon in 1991 by describing the majority of women tennis players as "fat, lazy pigs who should not be allowed on show courts". He now says he regrets the remark, made on Dutch radio when responding to a question about equal prize money for both sexes.

Krajicek, ranked 13 in the world and now a multi-millionaire, enjoys reading philosophers such as Plato and studying Zen Buddhism, as well as playing golf and watching American football.

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Melissa Johnson being led away by police after her cross-court dash yesterday



Johnson: made history

Student, 23, streaks into record book

MELISSA JOHNSON made history and brought a smile to faces on Centre Court yesterday when she became Wimbledon's first streaker.

The 23-year-old student made her dash across the hallowed turf as Richard Krajicek and Mal Washington posed for photographers. Both men smiled as the young woman flashed past them to the crowd's cheers.

Ms Johnson, who was working as a catering assistant at the tournament during her summer holidays, wore nothing but her regulation pinafore. She paused to lift the tiny garment, revealing all, in front of a packed Royal Box. The Duke of Kent rocked with laughter as she ran into the arms of police.

Ms Johnson was held at Wimbledon police station and released after the match. A Scotland Yard spokeswoman said: "There will be no further action."

Lone sailor celebrates his return to life

By LIN JENKINS

FOR a man thought to be dead, Leslie Powles was enjoying life to the full yesterday. After a full English breakfast topped by strawberries, the 70-year-old mariner recalled how he survived the past few weeks on two spoonfuls of rice and a quarter of a tin of corned beef a day.

Mr Powles stepped ashore at Lymington, Hampshire, on Saturday, seven months after losing radio contact during his three-year circumnavigation of the world. He gave up his job as a radio engineer to build a yacht in the early 1970s and embarked on his first global trip in 1975. The next time he went the other way round, becoming the first man to circumnavigate the world in both directions single-handedly.

He left on the last trip, in his 34ft sloop *Solitaire*, in September 1993. Last December he left New Zealand but failed to reach the Falkland Islands in March as expected. Storms



Powles: apologised for having caused worry

in the Southern Ocean had disabled his radio and left him injured.

"The cover over my hatch ripped open and water started flooding into the cabin. Then I was knocked unconscious and woke up about six hours later with a gash in my head and blood pouring out. I don't know how the boat stayed afloat," he said. "It is wonderful to be back here. I am sorry if anyone was worried about me."

□ Samantha Brewster, 29, will return to a heroine's welcome at Southampton tomorrow after her voyage around the world. She is the first woman and the youngest person to complete the "wrong way" solo trip.

Poetry beaten by lack of interest

By ERICA WAGNER

A MARATHON international festival of poetry and music featuring an array of writers and rock musicians at the Royal Albert Hall yesterday filled only a tenth of the seats.

Damon Albarn, of Blur, joined the American singer Patti Smith, Ray Davies of the Kinks, James Fenton, the British poet and journalist, and Miroslav Holub, one of the leading Czech poets, in what had been billed as the biggest poetry event ever staged. More than 60 artists from many countries performed their work over nine hours.

Michael Horowitz had envisaged an "Olympics of poetry" reminiscent of the celebrated gathering of beat poets he organised in 1965 which packed the Albert Hall. However, yesterday afternoon, only 500 of the 5,000 seats in the hall were filled. The audience made up for its small size by its appreciation.

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Wherever he travels, Placido Domingo is accompanied by his favourite instrument.

Such are the demands upon his time of the major Opera Houses of the world that, wherever he travels, Placido Domingo takes with him a series of green bound books. Into these he writes his engagements three years ahead.

As a singer, Placido Domingo has committed almost one hundred different operatic roles to memory.

He firmly believes this daunting repertoire is necessary to attract the widest possible

audience, so that he is able to fulfil his ambition of helping more people, all over the world, enjoy the music he loves.

He has enthralled audiences from Covent Garden to China. And one legendary curtain call in Vienna

lasted one hour and fifty minutes. "It would have been easier," he has said, "to sing the opera all over again."

However, Domingo is a highly-respected conductor as well; a challenge he appears to relish. "The operatic conductor is like a Roman charioteer. He has a hundred horses on stage and a hundred horses in the pit. And he has to control them all."

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John East in front of the old Gem cinema, long since used as a public toilet

Curtains for old cinema

By ROBIN YOUNG

ONE of Britain's earliest purpose-built cinemas is about to be demolished, having been mistaken as a public convenience for the past 56 years.

The Gem, in Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire, was opened in 1914 to preview films made by the Neptune film company. Since Neptune went into receivership in the 1920s the building, outside Boreham Wood railway station, has served as a public convenience.

John East, a BBC radio producer whose grandfather, bearing the same name, was a director of Neptune, said yesterday: "I do feel sentimental about it because it is one of the last tangible mementoes of my grandfather's career and a source of great memories of the early cinema days." The Gem, though small, accommodated an audience

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of up to 150 on wooden benches. The Neptune films, which John East directed, scripted and performed in, were principally melodramas which included early appearances by such names as Jack Buchanan, Dame May Whitty and her husband, Ben Webster. The site of Nep-

tune's studios, across the road from the Gem, is now where the BBC films *East-Enders*, and the only remaining part of the original building is now used as a wine cellar.

Mr East said yesterday: "I do not think there is any campaign to save the Gem from demolition. They are unravelling a plaque to my grandfather on the studio site next year and I shall be going to that."

□ Hammer Films, the company which kept the nation's cinemagoers in a state of terror from the Fifties to the Seventies, is experiencing a resurrection. The company went into liquidation in 1979 but present owner Roy Skeggs, who bought out the receiver in 1987, has a dozen projects in development.

"All of a sudden we are flavour of the month," he said. "We have signed deals with Fox, New World and Warner, and we go into production this year."

Shocking role of lethal bacterium passed fit for cinema appearance

ADVERTISEMENTS warning of the dangers of toxic shock syndrome, strongly associated with tampon use, have been passed as acceptable for general viewing in the cinema. The syndrome is a rare, but frightening, disease initially thought to be confined to children, but by the late 1970s it was recognised that it was a problem found mainly in young women.

The cause was confirmed when the number of cases increased alarmingly after

the manufacturers of vaginal tampons started to use a more absorbent material. The flow was contained so effectively that toxins were readily absorbed into the system.

Toxic shock syndrome is caused by poisons released into the circulation by an infection with phage-group 1 *Staphylococcus aureus*. The patient develops a sudden high temperature — sometimes as high as 105°F (40.5°C) — with shivering. The syndrome is associated with

diarrhoea, vomiting and, once the shock develops, a very low blood pressure and circulatory collapse. The failure of the circulation leads to damage to the kidneys, liver, lungs and other organs. A widespread red skin rash is common and, as in other bacterial infections, the soles of the feet and palms of the hands become bright red and the skin on them later peels.

In 1981 the improved material was withdrawn from use in tampons and the death rate dropped dramati-



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

cally. Cases of toxic shock syndrome are still reported but not all are the result of tampon use; 15 per cent occur in males and another 15 per cent in women who are either

not menstruating or are using diaphragms, cervical caps or vaginal sponges.

It is probable that many minor instances of toxic shock syndrome pass unre-

cognised but if they are severe enough to be diagnosed the mortality rate is about 5 per cent.

Some women have been infected more than once but it is not clear whether this represents an unusual vulnerability to the toxin or whether the staphylococci were not fully eradicated from the patient and her immediate family.

In those instances in which the infection cannot be blamed on tampons or other intra-vaginal devices the

staphylococcus normally responsible for the syndrome has been recovered from nose, throat and abscesses or an infected wound. Some times the wound may be comparatively trivial. Toxic shock syndrome is also an occasional complication of gynaecological operations or childbirth.

Toxic shock syndrome is rare and tampons are so convenient that it is unlikely that their use will ever be abandoned, but women are advised to take certain simple

precautions. Tampons should be changed every four to six hours. Women who sleep for many hours must either change tampons during the night or use a pad. Hands should be washed before tampons are inserted so that any staphylococcus from the nose and throat are not transferred.

Treatment is carried out in hospital: antibiotics are administered with an intravenous infusion to maintain fluid and electrolyte balance and blood pressure.

Despair disfigures brave face of city rocked by bombers

By Bill Frost

THREE weeks after the IRA tried to tear the heart out of Manchester, some of the shops closest to the blast reopened. With balloons, bunting, brass bands and celebrity guests, the city sought to draw shoppers back to the streets devastated in the attack.

However, neither traders

nor their customers felt ready to celebrate yet.

The partial reopening of the Arndale Centre was said to be both a gesture of defiance to the bombers and a celebration of Manchester's spirit. The city fathers, who are planning a £21 million rebuilding programme, had hoped the people would come to shop —

business as usual three weeks after the attack. However, most people just stared blankly at their city's still-gaping wounds, wandering the precinct aimlessly or standing as close to the boarded-up wreckage as they could.

Yvonne Baskeyfield, manageress of the K Shoes shop close to the centre of the blast, was in no doubt why some had returned to the scene of last month's outrage: the precinct held a morbid fascination for "rubber-neckers".

Her hands shook and her eyes filled with tears when she talked of the bombing. Mrs Baskeyfield, 51, is seeing a psychotherapist three times a week and talking to him on the telephone every day about her overwhelming feelings of panic and her depression.

She was caught up in two previous IRA attacks on the city: "I suppose the third bombing was just too much."

As she spoke the shoppers browsed, not really interested in the shoes on display, but looking for evidence of damage. Mrs Baskeyfield seemed unaware of their presence. "You just keep thinking, 'What if? I had half-a-dozen staff to look after. Suppose I had taken them the wrong way?' She feared that months, if not years would elapse before the collective memory of the bombing was laid to rest.

On the floor above, Matthew Lenton, manager of the

Burton Menswear store, was more bullish. However, his smile seemed a little fixed when he spoke of returning public confidence. "All my staff have had counselling," he said. "It was the same team called in after Dunblane, so we had the very best."

On Corporation Street, where the IRA left its one-ton bomb, passers-by stopped to watch enormous cranes lifting huge blocks of concrete and

rubble from shattered storefronts. The Corn Exchange was literally gutted in the explosion. Some of the 300 or so traders and stallholders who occupied this once magnificent building gathered forlornly at the crowd control barriers. Many had lost everything and were not covered by insurance. They have no stock left and cannot work or pay household bills.

Sue Blythe opened a sandwich bar at the Exchange six months ago, using every penny of her husband's £35,000 redundancy to buy the business. Her face was pale.

"I'm worried sick. I'm not sleeping. Our life's work has quite literally gone up in smoke," she said. "We had no business or loss-of-earnings insurance." The most she can hope for is compensation for damaged or destroyed equipment in the sandwich bar — £8,000 at the very most.

Listening to her mother talk

of the family's impending ruin at the hands of the bombers, Mrs Blythe's 11-year-old daughter Samantha, who was working with her mother on the morning of the blast, started to sob. "They are tears of rage, we think she has got over the shock. Samantha just can't bear what has happened to us and all the others in the Exchange," her mother said.

Cheek by jowl with the Corn Exchange, Manchester Cathedral took less of the blast but bears some scars. The clock on the tower stopped, fissures appeared in the roof and stained glass windows bulged and shattered.

The Very Rev Ken Riley, Dean of the Cathedral, showed the damage to Mary Robinson, the Irish President, when she visited the city over the weekend to express her country's condolences. As they posed for the cameras, she said she was impressed by "the very positive spirit"

shown since the bombing. After she left, the Dean spoke of his fears and concern for those who had lost everything. He agreed that the city still had a "wounded feeling".

"Some are a long way from being healed, particularly in the business community. The Church's job is to try to keep hope alive, if possible. It is going to be a very long time before some get back on their feet again. This talk of optimism for the future is insensitive when there are still so many in pain."

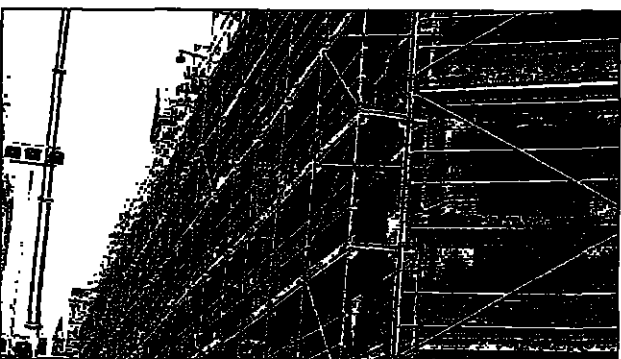
The Dean described the city fathers and developers involved in the rebuilding plan as "great movers and shakers, second to none". Talk of a swift return to normal life was premature, though. "There's a great deal of bravado coming across at the moment, but I think everyone should remember Manchester is still in deep shock. We coped the lot this time."



Yvonne Baskeyfield, shop manageress, is receiving counselling three times a week. It was her third bombing



Sue Blythe, with her daughter Samantha, lost the family's sandwich bar in the Corn Exchange, below



DAD & LEE.

Former minister heads seal protest

By James Landale

ALAN CLARK, the former Tory minister, is spearheading a campaign to prevent the Government scrapping a law that curbs the trade in seal skins.

Mr Clark, a former Defence Minister, said it was monstrous that ministers were planning to make it easier for Canada, the main trader, to export seal skins to Britain.

The Government wants to repeal a regulation that forces traders to label their products clearly to show whether they are made of sealskin and from which country they come. Ministers hope to push the move through just before the summer recess, when few MPs are in Westminster.

The Trades Descriptions (Sealskin Goods) (Information) Order 1980 prompted a huge drop in sealskin imports after public distaste at television pictures of seal cubs being clubbed to death in Canada. A MORI poll this weekend found that 92 per cent of people support retaining the law.

Trade officials claim the move is prompted by the Government's deregulation drive to cut red tape. They say the law is defunct because there is little sealskin trade in the UK. However, they emphasised the matter was still subject to consultation.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare wrote to John Taylor, the Junior Trade Minister, last week, arguing that if the order were repealed sealskin products would flood into Britain.

Alzheimer's woman wins right to NHS care

By Dominic Kennedy

A PATIENT dying from Alzheimer's disease has won the right to be looked after in a health-service hospital instead of having to sell her home to pay for care.

Kathleen Richardson, 76, has been a patient at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, for 18 months. The Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust wanted to discharge her into long-term care, for which social services would have required her to sell her house to pay the £16,000-a-year fees.

Her daughter-in-law, Valerie Richardson, 50, a businesswoman and founder of the care-rights group Health Aid, argued that Mrs Richardson should be treated on the NHS because she was terminally ill. The trust has relented and agreed to let her stay.

Valerie Richardson said: "This is a landmark which will affect tens of thousands of people, perhaps hundreds of thousands, throughout the country. They don't have to sell their homes to pay for their care."

"My mother-in-law has now been given a long-term healthcare plan as an inpatient. Earlier in the year she was told she could be discharged. The whole battle has been about trying to force her out of a health service bed into welfare provision."

"Three years ago you would never have found Alzheimer's patients being discharged into residential care homes but they have done it to save money because they are £5,000 a year cheaper."

Health Aid advises families of patients how to make the health service pay for care.

Winchester and Eastleigh NHS Trust declined to comment. It is likely to be sensitive to such cases after the health service ombudsman last week rebuked Winchester Health Authority for moving a 95-year-old man from hospital to long-term care against a consultant's advice.

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MP demands investigation into 30-year lease

Government pays £1m a year for empty offices

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is paying nearly £1 million a year in rent for an empty 17-storey office block that it does not want, cannot use and has been unable to sub-let. It will have to go on paying the money until 2009 unless it can find some way of escaping from a 30-year lease agreed in 1979.

The asbestos-clad tower was built for London Transport (LT) in 1971 above Archway tube station in north London. In 1978 LT let it on a 150-year lease to Hambros, who sub-let it to the Department of Social Security.

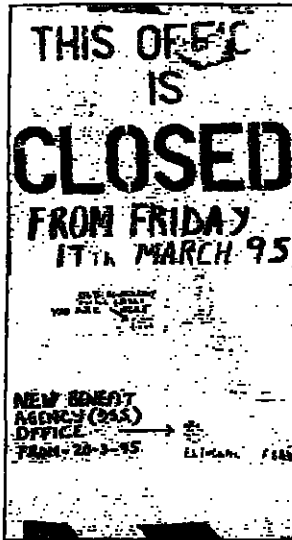
Hambros later transferred the long-term lease, which runs until 2122, to a Mr Patel and a Mr Shah, who are now paid the fixed £913,400 annual rent by the Property Advisers to the Civil Estate (Pace), the government agency that manages public buildings.

The building was originally used as clerical offices and benefits payment bureaux for the Department of Social Security.

However, the Government's decentralisation policy, introduced in the 1980s, shifted clerical work to Glasgow, Belfast and Wigan. The two benefits-payment bureaux, which occupied two floors of the building, were moved to smaller local offices last March, leaving the tower empty. The rent, however, still has to be paid.

Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP for Islington North, the constituency in which the tower stands, is calling for an investigation by the Public Spending Committee into why the department took out the 30-year lease. "It is mind boggling," he said yesterday. "We need to know why such a long-term lease was taken out when it could probably have bought the entire building for a lot less."

"As it is the taxpayer is saddled with finding nearly £13 million to pay rent for a totally useless building. My constituents would like to see



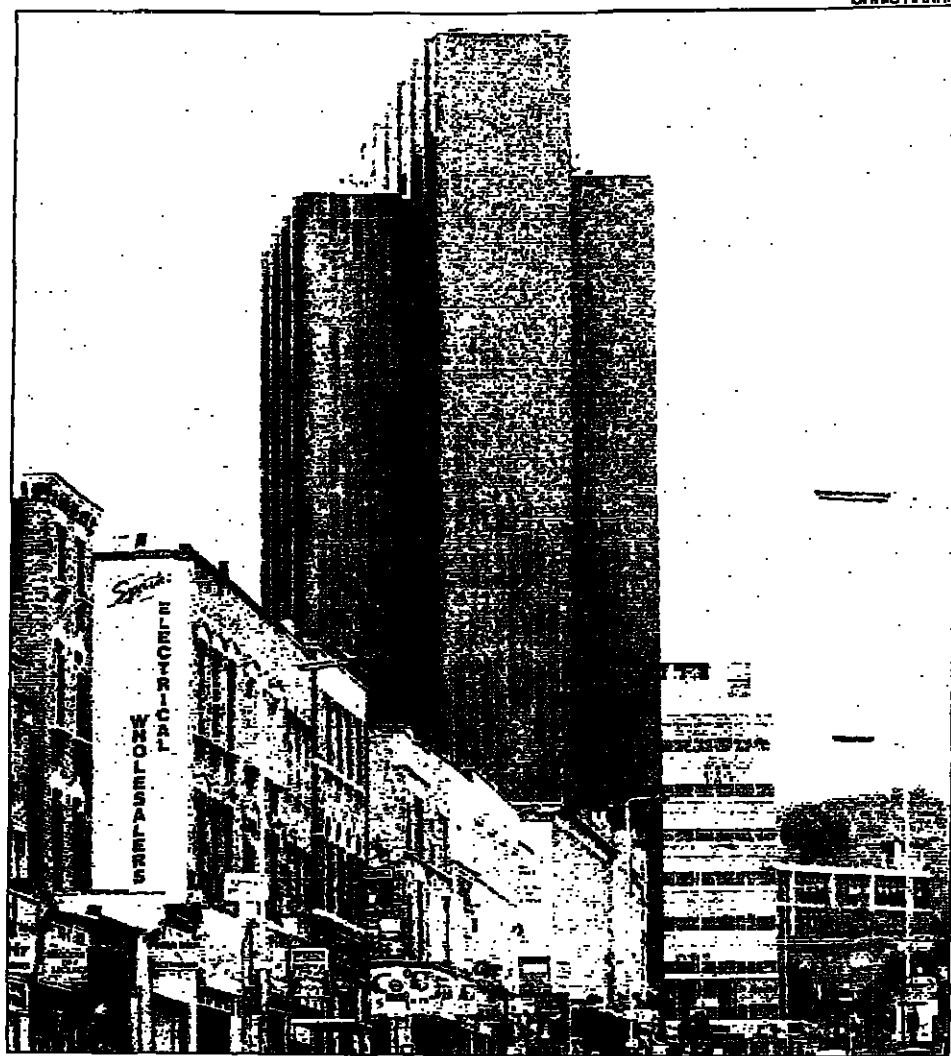
The tower has stood empty for 15 months

it pulled down because it is so ugly and useless. It just stands there as a monument to incompetence. "Even when it was in use by the DSS it was totally unsuit-

able. The benefits offices were miles away from the area they served. People used to throw furniture through the windows in frustration while they were waiting. It is full of asbestos and it can't be properly cleaned. It costs £1 million a year that ought to be going to people on benefits."

A Cabinet Office spokeswoman said that Pace was trying to market the building and it might be converted into flats. "The trouble is that it is in need of major refurbishment and that will cost so much that it might be cheaper to go on paying the rent. This kind of problem is not unique and affects the private sector as well as the Government. There are just more offices than the country needs."

Islington Council would also like to see the tower pulled down. "It is a complete blockage on the comprehensive development of the area," a spokesman said. "It's a wasted resource, a blight on the area and the community doesn't like it."



The block in Archway, north London, which residents want to see pulled down

NEWS IN BRIEF

Crossword finalist through in 7¾ minutes

The Birmingham regional final of *The Times* crossword competition was won by Peter Biddlecombe, 36, a computer programmer from Hyde Heath, Buckinghamshire, who solved the four puzzles in an average time of 7¾ minutes. The runner-up was Michael Clarke, 46; third was Jack Robertson, 54; the doubles title went to Paul Collocott and Andrew Bull, aged 39 and 23, in an average time of 12¾ minutes.

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Zoo's charity day

A zoo owner on the Isle of Wight who refused entry to a group of mentally disabled people because he said they would frighten his animals is to hold a fund-raising day for Mencap. The charity had criticised Jack Corney but praised his gesture yesterday.

Hang-glider hurt

A man was taken to hospital with suspected spinal injuries after two hang-gliders collided over Combe Gibbet, near Hungerford, Berkshire. Police said his condition was not life-threatening. Another person was treated at the scene.

US sailor rescued

A coastguard helicopter flew 205 miles from Sumburgh to airlift a sailor with internal bleeding on the *USS Loyal*, near the Arctic circle. The four-man crew was scrambled on Saturday afternoon after an SOS relayed by the US Coast Guard in Virginia.

Victim named

A two-year-old girl killed when a car ran across a pavement and into a shop was named as Jennifer Edgar, Jennifer, of Thirsk, North Yorkshire, was walking with her mother and two young brothers in the town centre on Friday.

Gas getaway

British Gas is offering prizes of weekends in Europe to try to cut the millions of unread meters. Four in ten bills are currently estimated. All customers who allow meter readers into their homes or read them themselves will be entered into the draw.

Village gossip

Villagers in Sharow, North Yorkshire, are trying to find out who cost the village hall fund £475 in a telephone call to a chatline lasting 20 hours and 20 minutes. The committee had already decided calls must be curtailed after its last bill of £45.

Five-year project to seek cause of asthma

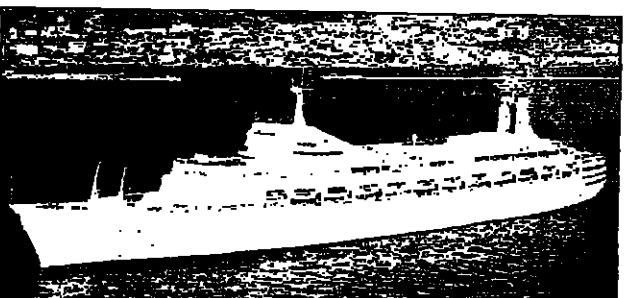
By ANDREW PIERCE

A NATIONAL five-year, £5 million research programme to try to identify the cause of asthma will be announced today by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, in a speech at Southampton University.

The news comes as ministers are considering upgrading the significance of asthma, which affects about three million in Britain. Mr Dorrell may give asthma a specific target in the way that breast cancer and heart disease are treated.

Figures published by the *British Medical Journal* in January showed that cases of asthma had doubled in school-children in five years. One child suffering from an attack is admitted to hospital every four minutes.

Government scientists, working with the Medical Research Council, will evaluate the effectiveness of treatments such as homeopathic medicines, drugs and the conventional inhaler. The study will also look at the effect of air pollution which, while a big factor in the aggravation of the disease, is not its cause, according to the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants.



Canberra could end her days as a floating hotel

Buyers plan to keep Canberra afloat

By STEPHEN FARRELL

THE cruise liner *Canberra* looks certain to escape the scrapyard when her sailing days are over. Prospective buyers plan to use her for millennium projects in Britain or a floating hotel in Australia. P&O received several inquiries a day after announcing last month that the ship was to be withdrawn from service in September next year.

The company, which holds the rights to the name *Canberra* and will stop any buyer operating her as a potential cruise rival, declined to disclose details of interested parties or the size of their offers.

Gwyn Hughes, managing director of P&O Cruises, said

no decision had been taken about the *Canberra's* future, but it now seemed unlikely the vessel would be sold for scrap. "We have had a significant number of approaches since the announcement. Some projects have been very interesting and might involve lottery funds to convert the vessel for millennium celebrations," he said yesterday. It is our judgment that there is a very good chance something feasible will come about before the ship goes out of service."

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Britain saves EU from shameful compromise on Rushdie

Here is good news for federalists and sceptics alike. The EU's "common foreign policy" has just avoided making a monstrously silly mistake — thanks in part to the beleaguered British stubbornly insisting on the right result.

EU governments have been struggling for years to broker a truce with the Iranian Government over the inconvenient thorn in the side of trade and diplomacy, Salman Rushdie. To America's great annoyance, the Europeans have been holding what is coyly known as a "critical dialogue" with Iran. The EU state holding the



rotating presidency, currently Ireland, holds the European side of the conversation. Recently there has been a good deal more dialogue than criticism: but Iran and its proxies have gone on treating the EU

as a killing field just the same.

German police recently arrested an Iranian national suspected of involvement in the murder of Reza Maziouman, once a minister under the Shah, who was killed in Paris on May 30. Quite apart from bullets and knives aimed anywhere in the world at people who have translated or published Rushdie, the main Iranian opposition group reckons that 12 dissidents have been killed outside the borders of Iran this year alone.

Tehran has never lifted the seven-year-old fatwa against Mr Rushdie; a semi-official

Iranian foundation offers a \$2 million (£1.55 million) bounty to his killer. But the EU-Iran dialogue recently dreaunt up a truce: Iran would confirm in writing that it had no intention of killing Rushdie or sponsoring anyone to do so. In exchange for this overwhelming act of charity, the EU would accept the "validity and irreversibility" of the original fatwa.

Now that this squalid surrender document has been torn up, almost nobody will admit to having supported such a formula. But by June 19, when the officials from the 15 EU foreign ministries who

run the critical dialogue committee met in Brussels, most governments were in favour of the deal. Only Britain frontally opposed the whole idea — France, Germany, Italy and Spain were in favour.

Under a foreign policy made by majority vote, Britain would have been overruled and the EU would have been rid of the turbulent and expensive Rushdie problem.

Remember that Britain was opposed to almost everything at that stage of the non-cooperation campaign over beef. The Iranians, sensing a

good moment to exploit Britain's isolation, dropped hints about the rewards waiting for governments ready to sign the pieces of paper. Germany could have a quarter of Iran's second five-year plan worth \$25 billion, Iran's Ambassador to Bonn claimed. He denied that Iran supported terrorism. "London has blocked the talks, just as it is now doing with BSE."

On July 1, the day Irish diplomats took over the case, the Iranian national news agency murmured sulkily that Dublin had an "ideal opportunity to improve ties with Iran based upon depoliticising the row over the

apostate author, Salman Rushdie." For "ties" read trade. Ireland already sells Iran large quantities of beef.

But by then Mr Rushdie's supporters had leaked the scheme to swap letters and Mr Rushdie had dropped in on Hans van Mierlo, the Dutch Foreign Minister, while publicising the Dutch edition of *The Moor's Last Sigh*. Mr Van Mierlo agreed that the EU should say nothing that "would seem to accept the death verdict over Rushdie."

That did the trick: the scheme went in the bin. In Brussels on July 1, the British delegate to the EU's working

group on Iran "found himself suddenly popular. Delegates fell over each other to object to unprincipled commercialism as a basis for relations with Iran."

Mr Rushdie had been asked by the Foreign Office for his view of the proposed compromise and his answer cannot be printed in a family newspaper. He did reflect wearily to a Dutch newspaper that "the EU is very bored with the issue and is desperate to get it off the agenda". Mr Rushdie's liberty to stay alive plainly requires ceaseless vigilance.

GEORGE BROCK

French corruption scandals reach Chirac party funds

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE detention last Friday of Loik Le Floch-Prigent — the head of SNCF, France's state-owned railway — poses an embarrassing dilemma for the ruling Gaullist party, which came to power promising a clampdown on graft but which now faces a major corruption scandal within its own ranks.

The list of industrialists already under formal investigation reads like a selection from the *Who's Who* of French business: Louis Schweitzer, president of Renault, and Gilles Menage, former head of the state electricity company, for alleged involvement in government wire-tapping; Jean-Louis Beffa, head of the St Gobain group, for alleged "influence-peddling"; and dozens more.

The credibility of French business leaders received another blow in May when an international arrest warrant was issued for Serge Dassault, head of the respected aircraft-makers, by a Belgian court investigating allegations of corruption.

In La Santé prison, Paris, just a few cells from where M Le Floch-Prigent spent the weekend, languishes Jacques Crozemarie, the founder and former head of ARC, France's largest cancer research association, who is being held on suspicion of fraud over his charity's finances.

The jailed SNCF chief is suspected of abusing corporate funds, receiving stolen goods, and publishing false information and accounts to help a friend's ailing textile company when he was chairman of the oil giant, Elf-Aquitaine, from 1989 to 1993. Meanwhile, the Govern-

ment itself has become embroiled in a scandal, which some have described as a French Watergate, over alleged illegal funding of the Paris city housing authority when M Chirac was Mayor and head of the party. Public anger has been fed by allegations that the Government is seeking to hush up investigations and impede the work of magistrates.

"When judicial power is too long shackled, it can be hard to control when it is let loose. By attempting to control it, by treating judges and journalists with arrogance, the Government is boobying the job," *Le Journal du Dimanche* newspaper said yesterday.

The detention of M Le Floch-Prigent is particularly embarrassing for President Chirac, who personally insisted on his appointment. So far, the French Government has defended the jailed railway boss against calls for his resignation, at least partly through fear that the SNCF rescue package hammered out

by M Le Floch-Prigent will be scuppered if he goes.

M Chirac's Government can argue that many of the scandals date back to the Socialist era and that the latest wave of investigations is merely a fulfilment of its poll promise. But in recent weeks the law has turned its attention to those now in power.

A fortnight ago the public prosecutor of Paris abruptly dropped an investigation into claims that the Paris Mayor, Jean Tiberi, one of the leading lights in the Gaullist Rally for the Republic party, had allocated a luxurious apartment to his son when he was head of the city housing office.

In the last six months, three other party members have avoided prosecution, thanks to rulings by the same government-appointed judge.

Two anti-corruption magistrates have emerged as particularly tenacious sleuths. Eva Joly, the Norwegian-born investigator probing the Elf case, might have been expected to tip-toe round the investigation, particularly after she received a series of death threats. Instead, she demanded police protection and it was she who detained M Le Floch-Prigent last week.

Similarly, the magistrate Eric Halphen, when denied police co-operation in his investigation of M Tiberi, simply carried out the search of the Mayor's home on his own, unearthing a raft of documents, two handguns and £2500 worth of crisp Fr500 notes.

For French politicians and business leaders alike, this may prove to be a most uncomfortable summer.



Chirac promised to crack down on graft

Man runs amok and destroys Madrid cathedral treasures

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

A MAN believed to be mentally disturbed is being held by police after running amok in Madrid's La Almudena cathedral, causing extensive damage to sacred images and parish records. Church authorities have described much of the destruction as being "irreparable".

The 40-year-old man, who was arrested after cleaners raised the alarm, confessed later that he was in search of the cathedral's chalice. "I wanted the sacred chalice, and

when I did not find it, I lost my temper," he said.

The man, who offered no resistance to police, had earlier destroyed two rose-tinted stained-glass windows, an early 19th-century wooden statue of the Crucifixion, and an image of the Virgin from the same period, known as *Madre de Dios*. Ornaments on the crypt altar were also smashed.

Also slashed beyond repair was a collection of 12 etchings by contemporary Spanish artists, including the sculptor

Eduardo Chillida. A cathedral spokesman was unable to estimate the cost of the damage.

The trail of destruction extended to the cathedral's office, where computers were smashed and archives torn to shreds.

The man, whose name has not been released by police, also destroyed much of the large collection of religious material on video, apparently tearing many tapes out with his teeth.



The leading steer guiding Miura fighting bulls through central Pamplona yesterday leaps over a fallen runner during the "running of the bulls" on the first day of the week-long San Fermin festival, which attracts people to the northern Spanish city from all over the world.

Pamplona tourist gored

Among those willing to risk their lives was Robert Therwell, 25, who was gored in the groin. The South African underwent an operation, but there was no immediate information as to

his condition. The goring came a day after a man from Madrid, aged 50, died in Fuentesauro, western Spain, in a similar bull run.

Pamplona's festival was made famous by Ernest

Hemingway in his 1926 novel *The Sun Also Rises*. Each morning six fighting bulls are let loose on an 825-yard dash along narrow streets from a corral to an arena.

An American runner was killed last summer, the first to die in 15 years; 13 have died this century. (Reuters)

Bonn fury as beef arrives via Italy

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German Government yesterday demanded an in-depth investigation into how British beef is being infiltrated into other European Union states in defiance of the export ban.

Bonn was alerted by a cable from the German Ambassador in Rome, who reported that beef from herds that should have been slaughtered under the British culling programme was moving from Scotland and Ireland into France and then to Italy with forged health certificates.

According to the diplomatic cable, which has sent German, live British cattle are also ending up in Italy and being reclassified as Italian. Behind it all, there is a "meat mafia".

The ambassador's report says, in part: "Last Friday Italian police discovered a shipment of meat falsely described as potatoes."

A spokesman for the German Health Ministry said yesterday Bonn was demanding an immediate examina-

tion and explanation from the European Commission. The government of Hesse, one of Germany's 16 provincial states, has already announced an alert and is stepping up its controls on all animal and meat transports.

"Four suspicions are borne out, it will be another heavy blow against the confidence and the health protection of the consumer," said Dietmar Glasser, a State Secretary (junior minister) in the Hesse government. He and other provincial politicians are pressing Bonn to reconsider its policy on lifting the ban on British tallow, gelatine and bull semen.

The German Federal Government is allowed to uphold its national ban on British beef derivatives until September but must then, as part of the Florence compromise, allow these products to be imported. The governments of Germany's provincial states are against any such lifting, and the whole issue is likely to create a major constitutional row.

Coin reopens holy shroud debate

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

TWO scientists at Turin University claim to have new evidence that the shroud of Turin is not a medieval fake, but dates from the time of Christ's death.

Pier Luigi Baima Bollone, professor of forensic medicine, and Nello Balossino, professor of computer science, announced in the Catholic newspaper *Avenire* that they had detected the faint impression on the cloth of a Roman coin from the reign of Tiberius. The coin, which has been dated to AD29, was above the left eye of the elongated bearded face on the cloth, the scientists said.

The Turin newspaper *La Stampa* said it was "new proof that the shroud is authentic". *Avenire* said it was "sensational and definitive", since in AD29 Pontius Pilate was still governor of Judea.

The shroud, kept in Turin Cathedral since the 16th century, was venerated for years as the image of Christ in a winding sheet or burial shroud. In 1988, however, an

international team of experts concluded after exhaustive tests, including C14 carbon dating, that it was a medieval forgery, made between 1260 and 1390.

Avenire said the newly detected coin, or "lepton", clearly bore the letters LIS — L for year, I for 10 and S for six. This meant the sixteenth year of Tiberius's reign, or in modern reckoning, AD29.

"This definitively resolves the question of dating," the paper said. The report said the scientists had also made out the letters TIB and CAI, the first letters respectively of Tiberius Kaisar, or Tiberius Caesar, with an initial C instead of K for "Caesar".

Professor Balossino said he had used the latest computer techniques and had compared the coin to Palestinian coinage of the period at the British Museum. He said it was a common Hebrew practice to place coins on or near the eyes after death.

Giuseppe Ghiberti, one of the shroud's custodians, said further tests were needed.

Our man in Paris sails off to work

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MICHAEL JAY will be greeted with elaborate diplomatic ceremony and naval honours when he arrives in Portsmouth tomorrow and sets sail in *HMS Manchester*.

He will disembark four hours later in Cherbourg, travelling south to take up residence as Her Majesty's envoy in one of the grandest and costliest missions in the world — the British Embassy in Paris. His unusual arrival is partly a publicity stunt, a way of matching the journey of Sir Christopher Mallaby, his predecessor, who walked to France through the Channel tunnel while it was still under construction.

But the naval arrival has a more serious political symbolism: it comes only days before the signing of a new Anglo-French naval agreement, and five days before British airmen fly down the Champs Elysees, during the celebrations of France's national day, to mark a year's existence of the Anglo-French air group. Defence co-operation with France is unprecedented in its scope, depth and armity.

Although political business is increasingly conducted down the phone by John Major and President Chirac, Mr Jay insists an ambassador's role is still vital.

Tall, spare, precise and articulate, Mr Jay, 50, has to make the key contacts, act as the go-between for British and French bankers and industrialists, brief the French press, control the spin on British policy, and report to London at the first sign of a problem on the horizon.

More immediately, he will attempt to persuade the French that they can still do business with Britain, despite the widening chasm over Europe. It would not make sense, he insists, to try to weaken the Franco-German alliance. But his mission is like that of all British diplomats over the centuries: to keep a balance of power in Europe.



Jay: ambassador's role still vital

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Mandela should be pledging change, not more of the same

FROM R.W. JOHNSON
IN DURBAN

COMMENTARY

REACHING a judgment on the achievement of Nelson Mandela as he nears the halfway stage of his presidency is no easy matter.

On the one hand he enjoys an unchallengeable authority and huge popularity in South Africa — and yet he has only a limited control over affairs of government. Similarly, he enjoys enormous status internationally but has signally failed in his constant appeals for foreign investment. And while he is universally admired by his fellow South Africans, new figures show a steadily rising curve of emigration by the skilled professionals on whom the economy crucially depends.

Mr Mandela himself is fully aware of these contradictions and

of the widespread misgivings about what will happen when he hands over to his appointed successor, the Deputy President Thabo Mbeki — which is why he is now energetically trying to "sell" Mr Mbeki to British and European businessmen. In fact, Mr Mbeki is already clearly as much in charge of the Government as Mr Mandela, perhaps more — it is he who chairs the Cabinet and who attempts such policy co-ordination as exists. In the French Fourth Republic it was commonly said the President existed only to open the flower shows — *un président pour les chrysanthèmes*. Mr Mandela is rather more than that, but even he insists that he is too old (now nearly 78) to be in charge of the

Government, that he will be 81 when he steps down, and that already "rather than being an asset I'm a decoration".

If one asks investment bankers why there has been so little response to Mr Mandela's repeated pleas for foreign investment, one gets the succinct answer "policy drift". After more than two years in office the Government, paralysed by its wish to placate the trade unions and the Communist Party, still has no real economic strategy, merely a wish list.

Both Mr Mandela and Mr Mbeki have repeatedly announced their determination to privatise state industries, but nothing has been privatised. Education is in a mess and yet the Government shows no inclination to deal with the riotous students who have brought one campus after another

to a standstill. The Health Minister promises to bring forward proposals for a national health service, but has not done so. Meanwhile, the right to free care has been extended while state hospital subsidies have been cut, bringing many hospitals to the point of collapse.

The Government's centrepiece, the Reconstruction and Development Plan, has had its ministry abolished and the plan as a whole is beginning to drop from public sight. The Minister of Housing, despite promises of a massive building programme, is putting up houses at only a third of the rate that F.W. de Klerk's Government did. The Minister of Justice constantly warns that the justice system is near breakdown, while the police confess they are almost powerless to stop the massive crime wave. And so on and on.

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative yesterday urged President Mandela and John Major to press Nigeria to release political prisoners and move quickly towards civilian rule (Eve-Anne Prentice writes).

The Government, which has enormous ambitions to transform and reconstruct South Africa, seems to preside ineffectually over a Wild West society it cannot control. Meanwhile, the black poor who voted the ANC into power have seen almost no real change.

Many observers blame this situation on ministerial incompetence and affirmative-action appointments. In reality, the situation is somewhat more complex. Mr Mandela has subordinated all else

to the goal of national reconciliation which he so tirelessly preaches, and the ANC is also a broad church that seeks to keep together an alliance of Africanists, Communists, black businessmen, students, trade unionists, peasants and the unemployed by means of endless consultation. The result is a general squeamishness about offending pressure groups which, in turn, tends to paralyse action.

There is no doubt race relations are better than ever and that Mr Mandela's policy of national reconciliation is working remarkably well. But what Mr Mandela has conspicuously failed to do is create confidence in the future. Oddly, the two things frequently coincide: if you ask the opinion of any of the army of skilled professionals leaving the country, the chances are they would tell you they liked Mr

Mandela and applauded national reconciliation.

In that sense Mr Mandela is making a mistake by reassuring investors that the transition to Mr Mbeki will mean complete continuity. The problem is precisely that what is needed is not a continuation of the present drift but some decisive action to reconfirm national priorities and cut through various policy log jams.

Nothing Mr Mandela can say would be half as effective as, for example, announcing that the Government would make appointments on merit to help to deliver real change to the black poor, launching just one major privatisation, acting firmly to restore order on troubled campuses or sacking a few of the more obviously incompetent ministers. Of such decisions there is, sadly, as yet no sign.

Clintons clear of Whitewater 'until after the election'

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, US EDITOR

KENNETH STARR, the Whitewater special prosecutor, dealt a blow to Bob Dole's hopes of winning the White House yesterday by suggesting that he was unlikely to recommend criminal charges against either President Clinton or his wife before November's election.

Mr Starr said he planned to adhere to the Justice Department's traditional practice of taking into account the effect any charges would have on the electoral process. "That's a powerful counsel for restraint," he told *The New Yorker* magazine.

The special prosecutor's comments will delight the White House, as an indication of either the President or

First Lady has long seemed the biggest potential threat to Mr Clinton's re-election. However, the article by James Stewart, author of an acclaimed book on Whitewater, also delivers a warning that Mr Starr could snare Mr Clinton in a second term. Mr Stewart reported that Mr Starr's inquiry was "heading towards the President himself", and he had considered the politically explosive step of naming the President as an "unindicted co-conspirator" in the recent fraud trial of Jim and Susan McDougal, Mr Clinton's former Whitewater business partners.

Mr Stewart also suggested that Mr McDougal's loyalty towards Mr Clinton was "wa-

vering" since his conviction, implying he might co-operate with Mr Starr in return for a lesser sentence. "There's no reason to do anything for the Clintons because they're not going to do a damn thing for us," said Mr McDougal.

Mr Clinton was, meanwhile, giving videotaped testimony at the White House yesterday for a second Whitewater trial now taking place in Little Rock. Mr Clinton's testimony was summonsed by lawyers for two Arkansas bankers accused of illegally channelling more than \$13,000 (\$8,200 of bank funds into Mr Clinton's 1990 campaign for re-election as Governor.

This was the second time in three months that the President had suffered the indignity of being called as a defence witness. In April the McDougals summonsed him to testify in their trial in a bid to discredit David Hale, the former head of a Little Rock loan company and the prosecution's chief witness. Mr Hale claimed that in 1986 Mr Clinton, as Governor, pressured him to make an illegal \$300,000 loan to Mrs McDougal from government-insured funds earmarked for the economically disadvantaged. Mr Clinton categorically denied the charge, but — to the President's embarrassment — the jury convicted the McDougals anyway.

The *New Yorker* article said Mr Starr's team was investigating whether Mr Clinton was part of a criminal conspiracy to obtain that loan to buy a property that would save the Whitewater Development Corporation from collapse. The article noted that the prosecutor's questioning of both the McDougals and Mr Clinton in that first trial went well beyond what was necessary to secure the McDougals' convictions.

It seemed designed to elicit information about Mr Clinton, particularly an alleged meeting at which Mr Hale claimed he, Mr Clinton and Mr McDougal agreed on the loan. Mr Clinton denied any such meeting occurred.

Hispanic picks up votes in Texas

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN GROESBECK, TEXAS

THE people in this hot, dusty town in rural east Texas are unaccustomed to any visits by candidates for the US Senate, still less the sort Victor Morales paid them.

He drove his battered white Nissan pick-up with a crumpled door and crack across his windshield. In the back was his suitcase, a picnic basket and campaign leaflets.

Groesbeck, with a population of 3,185, was the sixty-second town Mr Morales had visited in 19 days. He spent an hour telling how he — a man with practically no funds and still less political experience — planned to topple the mighty Phil Gramm this November.

He took a collection for petrol money, then set off for the next stop in America's most quixotic campaign of the year. "You're either crazy or the gutsiest person I've ever met," one leathery old Groesbeck rancher told him. "Either way you'll fit in up in Washington." Mr Morales is a short, dapper, 46-year-old civics teacher at a Dallas high school whose students last

year dared him to run for the Democratic nomination against two sitting congressmen and one other well-known Texan politician.

He took leave of absence from his job, withdrew \$8,000 (£5,100) from his savings, and last June set off on a 60,000-mile journey around Texas.

Mr Morales, the only Hispanic running against three white men, emerged victorious as the state's first-ever Hispanic Senate nominee. He drove his pick-up on to the floor of the state Democratic convention in San Antonio to a thunderous ovation.

On the face of it, Morales v. Gramm, the current state Republican senator, is a hopeless match. Mr Morales knows he can never beat Mr Gramm at his own game, and is continuing as before. But he has caught the imagination of the public.

Bob Dole, the leading Republican presidential candidate, should be uneasy. Mr Morales could conceivably deliver America's second biggest state to Bill Clinton.



Major Daniel Zajac, from New York, in talks with Bosnian Serbs who were protesting over the presence of US helicopters, serving with the UN peacekeepers, near Han Pijesak, 35 miles east of Sarajevo.

Hundreds of people had blocked a road and Bosnian Serb forces threatened to shoot down the helicopters, which moved in after spot-

Hunt for graves begins

ting illegal Serb heavy weapons. Civilians jostled with American troops on Saturday, believing they had come to arrest General Ratko Mladic, the Serb military leader who is based there.

Yesterday war crimes investigators completed their first day of excavation at a

suspected mass grave site a few miles from Srebrenica where hundreds of slaughtered Muslims are thought to be buried. The 20-strong team, assisted by a group of local workers, cleared undergrowth from a patch of ground on a densely wooded hillside near the village of

Cerska, preparing for mechanical diggers to start work today.

Earlier a team of Norwegian experts swept the hillside with mine detectors and marked out an area with yellow ribbons.

As many as 8,000 Muslim men from the enclave are still missing and presumed dead after it fell to the Serbs last July. (AFP)

Bonn warns Russia over art works

Bonn: Russia would damage its ties with Bonn if it went ahead with plans to nationalise works of art and other valuables seized from Germany in the Second World War, Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said.

He told *Welt am Sonntag* that proposed Russian legislation would violate international law and bilateral treaties. "Unilateral action as envisioned by the Duma would block the way for resolving mutually this difficult and sensitive matter," Herr Kinkel said. (Reuters)

Voting limited

Niamey: A poll to return Niger to democracy went ahead in the interior, but only government ministers and their families could vote in the capital. The public is expected to vote today. (Reuters)

Shuttle record

Cape Canaveral: The space shuttle *Columbia* and its seven astronauts returned from the longest flight in shuttle history, nearly 17 days, after solving last-minute problems with a cooling system. (AP)

Planes grounded

Wellington: Ash from Mount Ruapehu in New Zealand's North Island forced the closure of all airports north of the volcano, including the main gateway at Auckland, hundreds of miles away. (Reuters)

Flag protest

Manila: President Ramos ordered the prosecution of Christian politicians who reportedly urged followers to fly the national flag upside down in protest over a peace deal with Muslim rebels. (Reuters)

Edible edifice

Frankfurt: A 20ft tall cake built over a fountain in the central square here, for a place in the record books, was so big that it needed a special building permit. It was 18ft wide, and used 2,400 eggs. (Reuters)

Virgin Islands at risk

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

TROPICAL Storm Bertha advanced on a swath of Caribbean islands yesterday, heading directly for the Virgin Islands with hurricane-strength gusts.

Governor Roy L. Schneider ordered shelters to be opened for hundreds of residents still living under tarpaulin roofs following damage in last year's storms.

The eye of the storm is expected to cross over St Thomas, the main American Virgin Island, sometime today, forecasters said. Government officials and the US National Weather Service posted hurricane warnings from Puerto Rico east and south to Dominica. They told residents to expect winds of at least 74mph and high waters within 24 hours.

Bertha raced toward the islands at about 24mph — fast for a tropical storm — producing sustained winds of 70mph and gusts of over 74mph. Tropical storms become classified as hurricanes when their maximum sustained winds reach 74mph.

□ Acapulco, Mexico: A violent storm that lashed Acapulco on Saturday left seven people dead, four injured and hundreds homeless, said the official news agency Notimex. The cost of damage, so far, to farms, homes and fishing was put at more than \$4 million (£2.6 million). (AFP)



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Revealed — the truth about false memory syndrome

The details were stomach-churning. In 1994, Connie Sievek, a 30-year-old teacher from Metropolis, Illinois, swore on oath that she recalled her father, Larry Stegman, and another man raping, murdering and disembowelling a woman.

There was one problem for the prosecution. Connie was three years old at the time of the alleged crime, and her "memories" had been eased out by a psychotherapist whom Connie had contacted while feeling depressed. The case was thrown out and Connie's recollections — which tallied disturbingly with an unsolved death of a woman in 1967 — were dismissed as gruesome fantasies made up under hypnosis.

False-memory syndrome, of which the Stegman case is thought to be an example, has

The brain's most secret workings can be picked out

been the unsavoury flip-side to the rise in popularity of psychotherapy, hypnosis and counselling. This is why a report to be published in the August issue of *Neuron*, a journal on brain research, is so important. American scientists have discovered a way of showing the difference between a true memory and a false one.

Although they emphasise that their method could not be used in court yet — it is too complicated and expensive — the research shows that even the most secret workings of the brain can be picked out. The "memories" show up as tiny, bright blobs in brain scans, which were obtained from 12 volunteers at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Centre in Phoenix, Arizona. The positron emission tomography (PET) scanners measure blood flow to brain cells, which is a measure of activity. Cells become active when they retrieve memories. The researchers found that a true memory results in more cerebral activity, and therefore more blobs.

On paper, the logistics of setting up such an experiment seem a nightmare. First the scientists had to get their human guinea-pigs to recall true memories, and then get them to recall false ones.

The trouble was, the subjects had to be convinced that they were telling the truth and recalling real events. After all, that is the hallmark of false-memory syndrome.

The research team, led by

Scientists in the United States have discovered that the brain appears to be more active when it is recalling the truth. Anjana Ahuja reports

Dr Daniel Schacter from Harvard University, came up with a simple but ingenious idea. The 12 volunteers, all women, were read a list of words. These words were vaguely related by subject — examples are *candy, cake and chocolate*.

The women were then read a second list, which featured some of the words on the first list. They were asked to sort out which words had been repeated and which were impostors. Most volunteers recalled true memories. Then a third list was read out. But this

time the impostors included words very similar to the original ones, such as *sweet*. These impostors fooled eight volunteers into thinking they had heard them before. As the women tried to distinguish between the original words and the impostors, their brains were scanned. The brain seemed more active in a certain region while recalling a true memory. Dr Eric Reiman, Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Arizona and second author of the *Neuron* paper, says this is easily understood.

"In the case of a real word, the brain both recognised and retrieved it. In the case of an impostor word, the brain was looking at a word that was neither heard nor recalled."

Dr Reiman speculates there may be another reason for true memories stirring the brain more than false ones — our senses. For example, if you recalled smelling a rose on a summer's day, part of your memory might be the sweetness of its perfume, or how hot the day was. These sensory details are not available to somebody who didn't actually smell the flower. As might be imagined, the effects are extremely subtle. Once the scans were made, a powerful computer program moulded each person's image into the same shape and overlaid them. "We then enhanced regions of blood flow, and the red patches generated

for 12 people were put together," Dr Reiman explains.

These scans showed that both accurate and illusory memories, as Dr Reiman labels them, trigger brain activity in the region of the left hippocampus, the part of the brain involved in conscious memory. Dr Reiman and his colleagues propose that this region of the brain gives the sense that both the true and false memories are authentic.

The difference between real and imagined memories was concentrated in the temporal-parietal region, a site in the brain known to decipher sound information.

Dr Reiman explains: "This information is not available to people who have not heard the word being said." Had the words been written down,

he says, then the brain might have retrieved the shape of the letters instead.

But the scientists are reluctant about this technique being used to prove or disprove whether something happened. Dr Schacter is constantly being asked whether it could be used as a lie-detector. He said recently: "I think not. It's all far too complicated."

And there are further, serious hurdles that would have to be overcome, according to Dr Reiman. "I am not optimistic about the uses of PET scanning being used in this way," he says. "The extremely subtle changes we have detected are for very short-term memory. We know that memory fades with time, and sensory memory may disappear. Real but distant recollections would be confused with false memories. Also, I think it's possible that people could be trained to produce misleading findings."

However, the technique has proved a powerful tool for studying memory. The next step will be to uncover the roots of malfunction, such as amnesia.



COMPUTER-ENHANCED brain images, above, show the region of the brain involved in memory. The dark spots highlight increased blood flow, a sign of brain activity. When a word was remembered accurately, left, and falsely, centre, the left hippocampus was stimulated. But a true memory stirred additional activity in the region known to handle sound patterns, right. This hallmark of authentic memory emerged when researchers looked at the differences between the first two images. It suggests sensory details distinguish true memories from false ones.



False-memory syndrome has been the unsavoury flip-side to the increase in popularity of psychotherapy and hypnosis

Secret listening devices stun oceanographers □ Farmers in Wagga Wagga fight off ryegrass

Spying from the seabed

THE end of the Cold War has brought an unexpected bonus to oceanographers. A network of secret seafloor listening devices installed by the Americans to listen to the sound of Soviet submarines is being opened for use by scientists. And what they can hear is astonishing them.

In one study, Dr Christopher Clark of Cornell University, used the microphones to follow a single blue whale for 43 days as it swam south from Bermuda and back, covering nearly 2,000 miles. Others have listened to shoals of fish, the seabed shaking as a result of tremors, volcanoes erupting, and the sound of the French testing nuclear weapons.

The oceans are a world of sound, which can travel huge distances and contains a vast amount of information. Listening to the sounds "is the same as the Hubble telescope pointing out to the stars", according to Chris Miller, who manages a series of microphones off the California coast. "Acoustics in the ocean is the equivalent of light in space. It's the one thing that can transmit for hundreds or thousands of miles," he told *The New York Times*.

The network of microphones, called Soss (sound surveillance system), was originally installed by the US Government at a cost of \$16 billion (£10 billion). Hundreds of microphones feed sound by

wire and fibre-optic cable into processing stations, most of them in America but two in Britain, at Brawdy in Wales and St Mawgan in Cornwall. Some stations are staffed, while others are filled with computers that record and analyse the data, feeding it on to a central station at Dam Neck, Virginia. Once the entire network was used to listen to the throb of Soviet submarines in an attempt to track their movements. How successful that was is still classified data, but slowly the American Government has begun to allow others access, using filters to remove the sounds of submarines.

Among those who have campaigned for the change in policy is the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Washington, whose executive director, Amos Eno, says that

it might be used as an early warning system to prevent ships from running down whales. This is a real problem: this year six right whales, the most endangered species, have been killed by ships. Research could never have paid for such a complex system, nor can it even hope to find the annual running costs, which at their peak in the late 1980s amounted to \$300 million a year. But so long as the US Navy finds most of the cost, the oceanographers are happy to take advantage. To track a creature like a whale, more than one microphone is



SCIENCE BRIEFING
Nigel Hawkes

needed, listening to the sounds the whales make. Different species can be distinguished by their different sounds, and individuals tracked for thousands of miles.

There are plenty of other sounds under the sea, not all of them identifiable. Among the mysteries are sounds that the scientists call the Echo, the Carpenter, and the Woolf. Woolf, by analogy with familiar sounds on land. Where they come and what causes them, nobody knows.

Another use of the system will be to monitor the oceans for the sounds of nuclear explosions, as an aid to verifying a global test-ban treaty now being negotiated in Geneva. It works, as the microphones off California proved last year and early this year as they picked up the sounds of the French tests thousands of miles away across the Pacific.

The same microphones have tracked humpback whales, listening to them round the clock to check migratory patterns. "It's mind-boggling," says Dr Clark.

Weeds run rampant

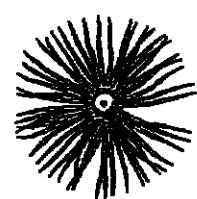
WAKE up, gardeners. Here's bad news from Wagga Wagga. Weeds are showing signs of resistance to the world's favourite herbicide, glyphosate, the active ingredient in weedkillers such as Roundup. If this spreads, there will be no cure for obstinate weeds but eternal digging, a prospect too awful to contemplate.

The resistant weed, reports the *New Scientist*, comes from a farm near Echuca, which lies on the Murray River in Victoria. The farmer last year tried to clear his fields of annual ryegrass, *Lolium rigidum*, but the weed refused to succumb. He sent seeds to Dr Jim Pratley at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, who grew plants and confirms that they are resistant to the weedkiller.

Herbicide resistance is nothing new, but for 20 years glyphosate has remained invincible. "Resistance to glyphosate was unexpected," Dr Pratley says. "But at this stage nobody knows how significant it is. It may be an isolated case or it may be widespread."

Monsanto, which sells \$1.5 billion in Roundup a year, remains sanguine. It says it has seen false alarms in the past, and has usually found that the herbicide had failed to penetrate a hard surface on the leaves of apparently resistant plants. When a surfactant — a drop of washing-up liquid, for example — is added, the problem is usually solved, because that ensures that the surface is thoroughly wetted.

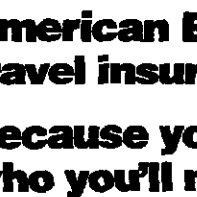
Dr Pratley disagrees. He says he is in no doubt that the herbicide is getting into the plant, but that it is then somehow being metabolised or stored, or simply made inoperative in some way. And if it happens in annual ryegrass, even in distant Australia, can it be long before it pulls off the same trick in convolvulus or ground elder in British gardens? That would be a nightmare.



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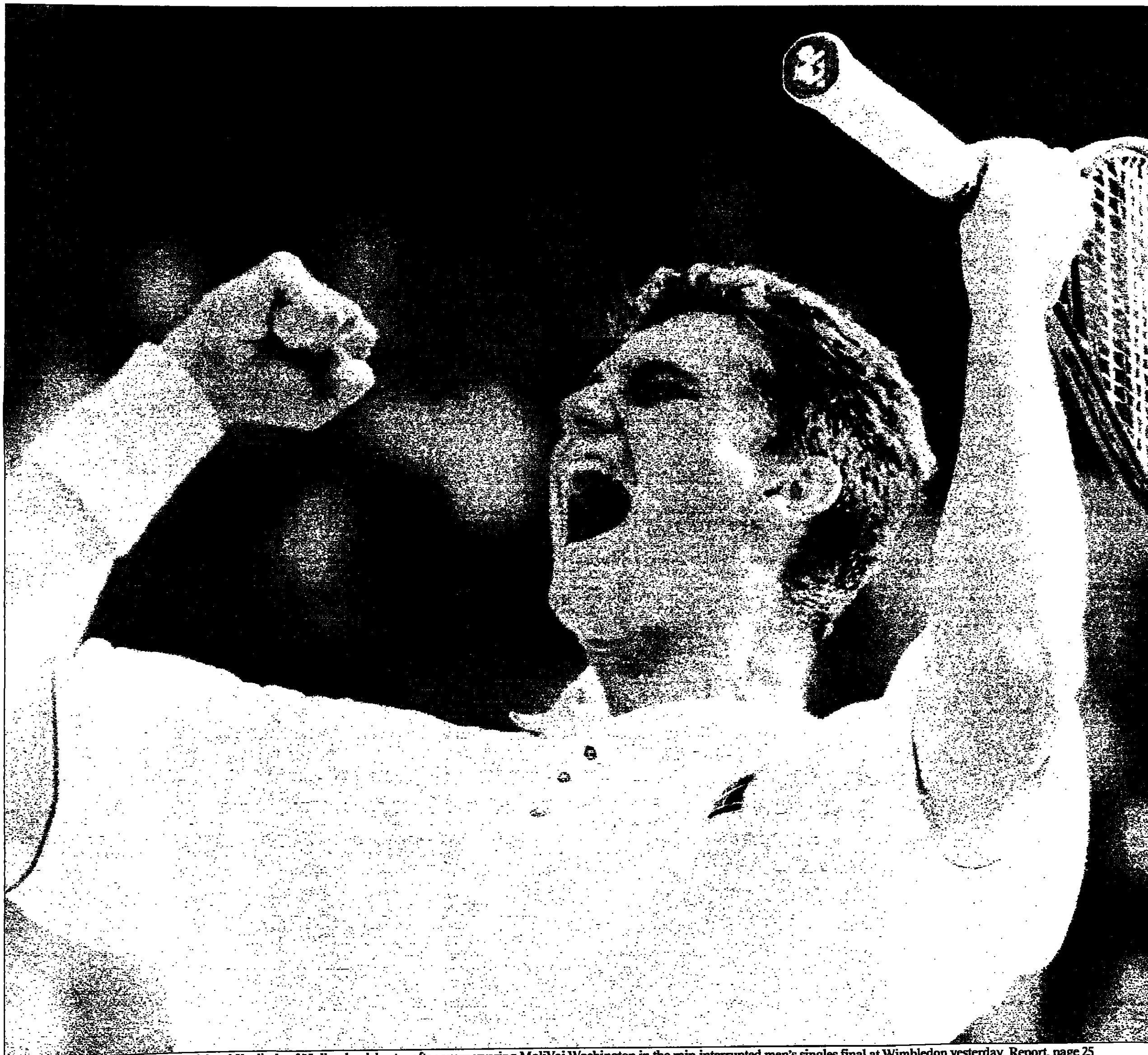
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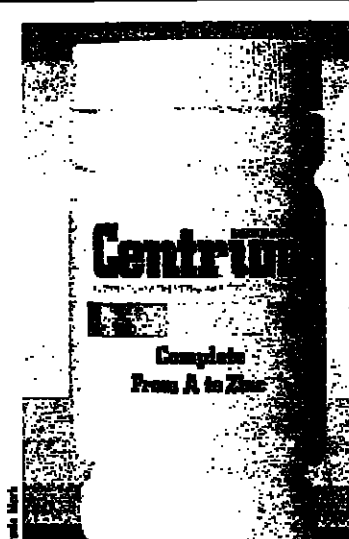
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POWER AND GLORY IN DUTCH MASTERY OF THE ELEMENTS AT WIMBLEDON



Moment of triumph: Richard Krajicek, of Holland, celebrates after overpowering MaliVai Washington in the rain-interrupted men's singles final at Wimbledon yesterday. Report, page 25

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TENNIS: POWER GAME FINDS A WORTHY NEW CHAMPION AS MEN'S SINGLES TITLE GOES TO HOLLAND FOR FIRST TIME

Booming Krajicek proves irresistible force

DAVID MILLER



On the men's singles final

SOME said that it was a Wimbledon's men's singles final between a Mr Who? and a Mr Might Be. On the day, Richard Krajicek, becoming the first Wimbledon champion from Holland, and MaliVai Washington gave the Centre Court more rallies and as many spectacular winners as had Pete Sampras and Boris Becker last year.

Not a great climax to the championships, certainly, but here was a match more memorable than most previous finals involving an unseeded player. This will be recorded as the first between two such players, yet Krajicek, who won 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, was in effect the No 17 seed, having replaced the injured Thomas Muster, the original No 1 seed, in the draw.

Krajicek, 24 and born in Rotterdam of Czech parents, had earlier disposed of Sampras and Stich, the respective No 1 and No 10 seeds. His service power had always been likely to be a major force in this foremost of grass-court tournaments, and so it proved. Krajicek said he was surprised to be unseeded but understood, even though ranked No 13 on the computer, because of his poor previous Wimbledon record.

Yesterday he struck 14 aces, the fastest timed at 129mph when taking a 3-1 lead in the third set. Krajicek thought that against Sampras he had perhaps served even better. "But today, I served big when it counted," he said. "I think that's the most important. You can hit 20 aces in a match, and they were like bad aces, and you can hit 10 aces and they were on the big points. Today



Washington at full stretch in making a forehand return as Krajicek takes control on Centre Court yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

was a good day." His consistency had overpowered Sampras and Stich in straight sets, then Stoltenberg in the semi-final and now Washington. Only Steven, of New Zealand, had managed to take a set from the Dutchman in seven rounds.

Krajicek reflected that the draw had been helpful, not giving him tough matches in the first two rounds. "I've lost the last two years in the first two rounds, so I was pretty

anxious about my first match," he said. "I don't feel like a great grass-court player, but I felt I should win at least a couple of rounds in Wimbledon. I think also my game just improved, that I now have more shots on grass."

"It's not only the serve. I think my footwork also improved, so I'm moving better around the grass, because it's pretty slippery and I'm almost two metres [taller]."

Krajicek made a formidable

start yesterday, dropping only two points as he raced to a 3-0 lead and breaking Washington to 15 in the second game. In the fourth, Washington characteristically dug in, saving three break-points with big serves to hold the game, but that single break was enough to concede the first set.

In the second, the score was 1-1 and 30 all when rain halted play for half an hour. Back they came for five minutes, only to retreat again after

another eight points. Back on court, Washington held his ground for four games, but at 4-4 surrendered his service on the third of three break points. Two aces and a sizzling cross-court backhand gave Krajicek the set.

At 1-4 down in the third, Washington silenced the mounting shrieks from Dutch supporters when he broke back after one hour and 23 minutes of play, but one more game saw the end of his

worthy resistance. The Dutchman simply held too many weapons. Some of his forehand drives and volleys were almost as devastating as his service.

"I think that was the difference in the match," Washington said, "and one of the reasons why Richard had so much success here. When you're serving like that, heck, all you have to do is hold out ... and boom, mother, you're there."

Washington denied that the breaks in play had affected him. "It didn't put me off at all," he said. "I was down most of the match, and I was kind of looking at it as an opportunity. Maybe I could get a little momentum change."

Other than Boris Becker, when winning aged 17 against Kevin Curren, all other unseeded finalists lost in straight sets: Lewis v McEnroe (1983), Bungert v Newcombe (1967), Stolle v McKinley (1963), Mul-

igan v Laver (1962), Laver v Olmedo (1959), Nielsen v Trabert and Seixas (1955 and 1953), and Allison v Tilden (1930). Washington, from Florida, is in notable company.

When he stands motionless, his finely sculpted frame bent slightly forward prior to serving, Washington has the timeless grace of a bronze Olympic statue. From the start, he had the crowd's sympathy: the classic Wimbledon underdog. He hit some superb backhands, particularly in his only break of service at 1-4 down in the third set. Unfortunately for him, he was facing the man who has genuinely been the supreme player of this event.

Well might Washington say afterwards: "When you can come into a tournament with everyone there, the best players, and it's a grand slam, and you're still standing on the last day ... I look at that and say, for the fortnight I was the second-best player in the world." He is entitled to his sense of satisfaction.

He had achieved the impos-

'The Dutchman simply held too many weapons'

sible when coming back from 1-5 down in the final set against Todd Martin in Saturday's semi-final, and his honourable performance yesterday provides a role model among black people in America, indeed everywhere. There are few others on the circuit, Brian Shilton, Todd Nelson and Steve Campbell among them. With American society so television-orientated, Washington's achievement and exposure, following that of the former champion, Arthur Ashe, can perhaps convince kids in the inner-city ghettos that there is a future awaiting them in tennis as well as basketball, football and track.

Amelie Mauresmo, of France, won her second junior Grand-slam singles title in a month when she took the girls' singles title at Wimbledon yesterday. Mauresmo, winner of the French Open junior title last month and seeded No 10, beat the unseeded Maria Serna, of Spain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Misspent youth earns a final reward for private champion

Simon Barnes on how victory revealed the character of a surprise winner

YOU can keep your private parts private in most places, but not on the Centre Court. The day began with a streaker, comedy and female, trotting across the sward and lifting her only garment, a white apron, to show all those who cared exactly what she was made of.

Richard Krajicek then proceeded to do roughly the same thing. In fact, as the events of the afternoon, the incessant and exasperating rain delays and the sheer bloody-minded courage of his opponent, MaliVai Washington, stripped away the layers of his personality, you suspected Krajicek was revealing parts of himself that were so private that he himself did not know he possessed them.

He is one of those athletes who began fairly sizzling with promise, but whose career somehow missed its trajectory. He is the son of an overbearing and bullying tennis parent — I know this sounds like a tautology, but this was a childhood strained even by tennis standards. He started playing at three, has been with the Dutch federations since he was six, and by nine he was having tennis tournaments instead of holidays.

It is the sort of childhood that has broken many, and Krajicek has not come through it unscathed. He has taken refuge more than once

in injury. For the stressed and oppressed athlete, there is sweet relief in an injury. In strained and torn soft tissue lies one of the few comfortable places to be found in his world: a place free from recrimination, free from guilt, free from blame.

Krajicek's best grand-slam result before his victory at Wimbledon yesterday was to reach the semi-finals of the Australian Open in 1992. He forfeited the match with a shoulder injury. He is at present ranked 13, and grass is a surface that suits his huge-serving game. However, he was unseeded at Wimbledon this year because of a tendency to go out in the first round; he managed that two years running and was fearful that this would be a third.

This was clearly a man who sinks to the big occasion. In fact, the most notable thing Krajicek has done at Wimbledon was a few years ago to announce that all women tennis players were "lazy fat pigs" and that they were not worth their prize-money. This callow bit of attention-seeking

seemed to sum Krajicek up for all time: a man to decorate the peripheries of the big tournament, but doomed to remain always a certain distance from the centre.

But as this strange Wimbledon has progressed, and the seeds failed to germinate and the stars were eclipsed, Krajicek has found himself, to his amazement, growing to fill the space available.

Washington came in as the underdog and the crowd's favourite. Always on grass, when a big server plays a touch-and-speed man, the server finds himself cast in the role of bully. Krajicek embraced the role and the moment.

And after the last rain-break, he showed himself one of the great flat-track bullies of recent years. Reeling off 12 successive points, he broke Washington twice over and never looked like losing from there. It was the hottest of hot streaks and it was quite devastating: you wondered what he had consumed in the interval. Whatever it was, I'll have a large one.

Washington, as modest in

'It was the hottest of hot streaks'

WIMBLEDON'S NEW KING OF SPEED

ACE SERVERS	
RICHARD KRAJICEK	147
ALEX RADULESCU	133
GORAN IVANISEVIC	115
MALIVAI WASHINGTON	81
TODD MARTIN	72
PETE SAMPRAS	69
MICHAEL STICH	61
GREG RUSEDSKI	60
JASON STOLTENBERG	55
TIM HENMAN	50

The fastest recorded men's service is 137mph, by Greg Rusedski. Krajicek's fastest serve is 134mph.

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1992 3rd round
1993 4th round
1994 1st round
1995 1st round
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2nd round: bt D Rostagno 6-4, 6-3, 6-2
3rd round: bt B Shaven 7-5, 6-7, 6-4
4th round: bt M Satch 6-4, 7-5, 6-4
Quarter-final: bt P Sampras 7-5, 7-6, 6-4
Semi-final: bt J Stoltenberg 6-3, 6-4, 6-3
Final: bt M Washington 6-3, 6-4, 6-3

Krajicek is 24, 6ft 5in, and a right hander. He is ranked 13th in the world.



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CRICKET: BOLD BATTING, FICKLE FATES AND PLACID PITCH COMBINE TO FRUSTRATE SRINATH

Atherton still setting lofty targets

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of five): England, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 199 runs behind India

MICHAEL ATHERTON believes that all things remain possible over the coming two days in Nottingham and, on a strictly personal level, he is correct. Nothing need be beyond his ambitions against the record books this morning. On a pitch of numbing torpor, however, the one thing that does not seem possible is a positive outcome to this final Cornhill Test.

England lost only one wicket — and that to a bad umpiring decision — in an entire day of batting on Saturday. Only with their last run of the day, though, did they avoid the theoretical threat of following on and they remain the equivalent of two productive sessions behind India. It takes a supreme optimist to devise a winning scenario for either side from this stalemate, but Atherton, who was yesterday reappointed England captain for the coming series with Pakistan, is playing the part gamely.

"We can still win it," he said. "First, we must aim to bat for

at the start of play and immediately after lunch, the England batting and the fickle fates must both take a bow. Flat and lifeless surface this may be, but Srinath somehow made the ball talk on it and his analysis of one for 82 was dreadfully unjust.

Alec Stewart remains below his best but he had completed a second successive half-century when K. T. Francis upheld an appeal for a catch behind. The ball actually missed the bat by some distance on its route past the inside edge, but Stewart at least departed with the consolation that he had shared an opening stand of 130, only the third time in 32 attempts that he and Atherton have given the England innings a century start.

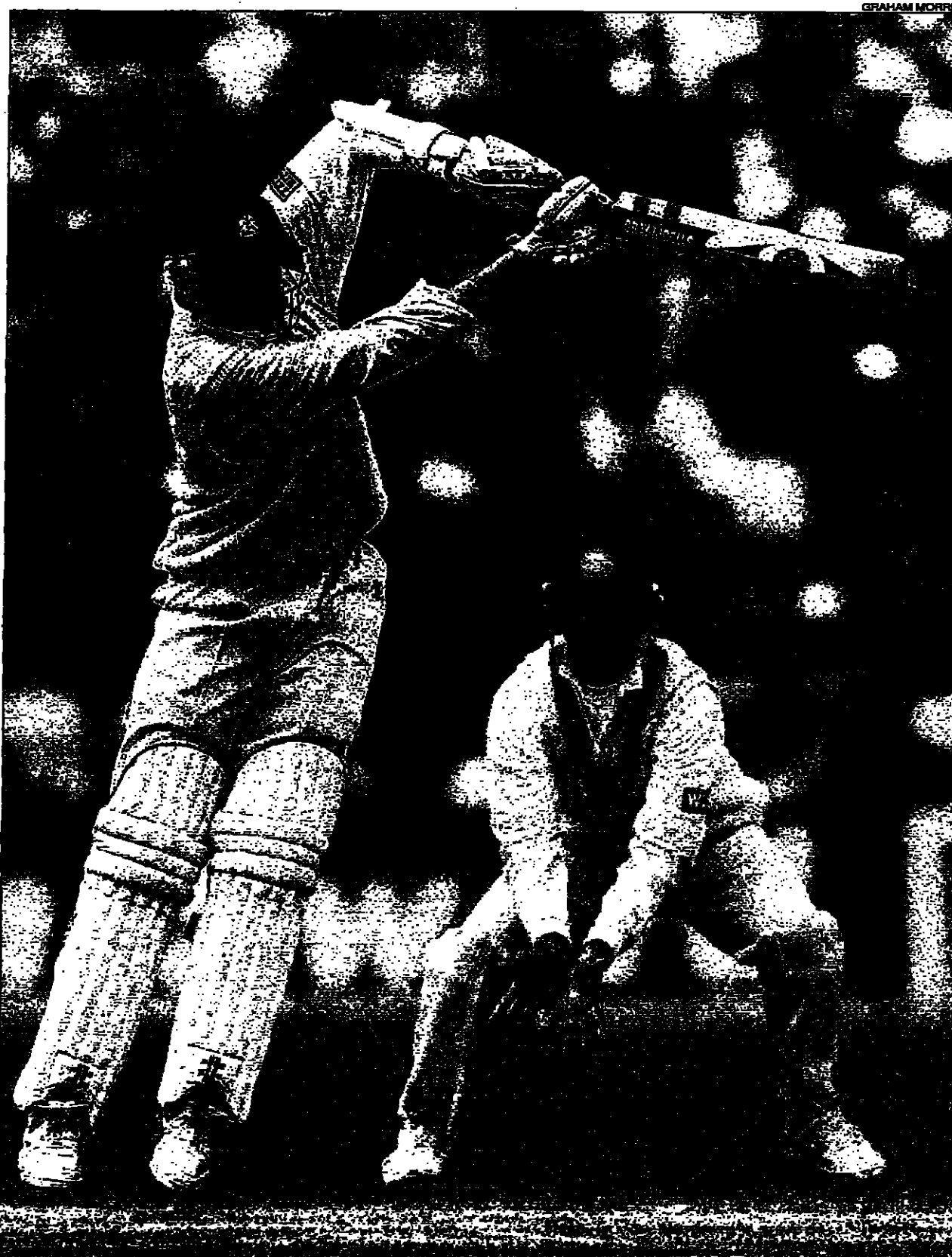
That it happened now is something that Srinath will find incomprehensible, so great was the fortune that both batsmen required during his opening spell. Atherton, too far across, somehow survived a leg-before appeal when all three stumps seemed threatened and was then dropped for a second time at third slip, this one by Azharuddin.

Srinath's deceptively quick bouncer brought flawed, post-humous strokes from both openers and, when he returned after lunch with England in full sail, he bowled an over of such controlled variation, all of it too good for the batsman, all of it unrewarded, that his grin at the end of it said much for the character of the man.

The recipient of that over was Nasser Hussain, Atherton's partner in a second-wicket stand so far worth 192. That both have made hundreds is wonderful news for England, because Atherton needed a long innings to repair his rhythm and the team needed Hussain to underscore the fact that he has solved, for some time to come, the discomfort over who must bat at No.3. Hussain likes doing the job and he does it well; judging by the brimming confidence with which he began on Saturday, driving like a man who had been entrenched for hours, he will not easily be usurped.

Atherton and Hussain go back a long way. They played together for England under-15s and, in 1984, on opposite sides in a match between Southern Schools and The Rest, they got each other out. Bowling aspirations have subsequently perished but the joy of two old friends was evident to all as they celebrated their centuries — Atherton with as broad a grin as he has ever exhibited in public, Hussain with both arms thrust above his head. On the team balcony, Raymond Illingworth smiled paternally.

A fortnight ago, during the Lord's Test, Atherton had been subservient to another superb spell from Srinath and confided: "I couldn't see how I could get a run against him." There will be mutual respect now, for while Atherton struggled at first on Saturday, long before the close he was into the old rhythm. "I started to reacquaint myself with my technique," he said with a smile. "It had been missing for a while."



Atherton rediscovered his most fluent form during his unbeaten 145 at Trent Bridge on Saturday

Illingworth resists censure

BY ALAN LEE

RAYMOND Illingworth yesterday ended three weeks of mooping and agonising with confirmation that he will appeal to the Cricket Council over the £2,000 fine imposed upon him for bringing the game into disrepute through passages within his new book.

It is not a surprising move, though it is a profoundly regrettable one. Illingworth is by nature both proud and obstinate and he understandably has no wish for the blemish on his record, brought about by indiscretions over selection affairs and a candid summation of his relationship with Devon Malcolm, to remain with him when he retires at the end of the summer.

On the other hand, the

game, and his England team, are being done a disservice by further prolonging a matter that should satisfactorily have been dealt with some months ago. It was first the fault of muddled thinking within the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) that it proceeded so far; now it is down to Illingworth for pursuing the issue.

Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, has recorded his appeal in a letter that will be received this morning by Alan Smith, chief executive of the TCCB. It is then for the Board to liaise with the Cricket Council and set a date for the hearing, at which both parties will be legally represented.

"I am determined to see that natural justice is done,"

Illingworth said. "I have been offered a lot of money to write my side of the story but I am not interested in money at the moment. The important thing is to clear my name."

"I have been in the game for 45 years and I don't want to leave it without restoring my reputation for straight dealing. I am sure I am doing the right thing."

Trent Bridge pitch is too true to be good

John Woodcock says few bowlers look forward to performing at Nottingham

England and India had time yesterday to reflect upon the frustration, some might say the futility, of the third Test match. Blessed with the sort of weather, anyway for its dryness, which the organisers of Henley and Wimbledon must have longed for, they have made awfully little of it. The only progress has been towards the near certainty of an always predictable draw.

After India's first innings had ended late on Friday with 521 runs on the board, David Gower told television watchers that England's bowlers had "done a fine job". He will have meant that, on the whole, they had bowled a steady line and a reasonable length, and had not sagged at all. In other words, they had bowled to the best of their ability.

Even against an insecure and inexperienced India side, though, that was not enough to make any lasting inroads. It might have been if Tendulkar had been caught in the gully for nought, as he really should have been, and for a while after that India had their share of luck; but, all too soon, perseverance became England's main resource.

When, in their turn, India's bowlers were equally unsuccessful, the pitch became the villain of the piece, just as it did in the first Test at Edgbaston, though for very different reasons. Whereas there it was too bad to be true, here it has been too true to be good. It is one of those which might have looked full of mischief if the West Indies attack of the 1980s had gone to work on it. Indeed, there is enough occasional bounce in it to have made that perfectly likely. But, between sides comprising 21 ordinary mortals (and one extraordinary one, and he not a bowler), the balance this time is too much in the batsmen's favour.

This is no new phenomenon, especially at Trent Bridge. The legendary Bill O'Reilly's views on the same strip of turf in 1938, after England, batting first, had made 658 for eight declared in the first Test match against Australia, were barely printable. As he came off the field at an interval he was hailed by Bob Menzies, then Australia's attorney general, later to become their greatest prime minister and always an impenitent cricket lover. "Well bowled Bill," Menzies said. "but I thought you were a spinner of the ball," to which the tiger replied, eyes burning: "Not on a broil of a wicket like that." We have

Don Bradman's word for this, as well as his opinion that O'Reilly was the finest bowler he ever played with.

So, except when Harold Larwood and Bill Voce were spearheading Nottinghamshire's attack, or Richard Hadlee and Clive Rice were doing the same some 50 years later and the groundsman was not averse to siding with them, bowlers have seldom passed through the gates in Bridgford Road with expectations high and hearts pounding. The difference from 1938 is not in the conditions for play so much as in how the game looks and the way it is played. In that respect, many of the things that could have changed have done so, from the paraphernalia the players wear to the bats they use, or from the rate at which they bowl their overs to the histrionics they perform; but the runs still come in abundance, if not with the same abandon.

When O'Reilly thought so poorly of the Trent Bridge pitch, Charlie Barnett made 99 on the first morning and England 422 for four on the first day; and in Australia's first innings, when they were more or less committed to playing for a draw, Stan McCabe's 232 came in 235 minutes (only 18 minutes longer than it took Manjrekar, also a natural stroke player, to make 53 on Friday). But England and Australia finished up where England and India are most likely to finish up tomorrow — in a vacuum. It is just less fun to watch now than it was.

O'Reilly's counterpart at Trent Bridge at the moment is Anil Kumble, a right-arm wrist spinner of similarly brisk pace, low trajectory and high standing. That he, too, has been in despair prompts a thought, albeit in a roundabout way, regarding overseas cricketers in the English game and whether or not they do more good than harm or harm than good. Anyone proposing the motion that they are a good thing could probably make something of Kumble's fortunes in the present Test series.

Playing for Northamptonshire in 1995 he took 105 wickets at 20.40 apiece, at a striking rate that Curtly Ambrose or Frank Tyson or George Tribe would not have bettered by much when bowling for them. Yet in 126 overs in 2½ Tests this summer, he has taken only four wickets at 74.5 apiece. Are we benefiting, therefore, from the chance to see so much of him and his wiles last year?



Hussain: confident

another four sessions. The pitch is still playing well but it's a mind game and the mind can play some funny tricks on you when you are under pressure. If we can get them in for the last two sessions on Tuesday, anything can happen. "It was hearteningly upbeat talk, as one might expect from a man enjoying his rest day unbeaten on 145. The practicalities are somewhat less promising.

The truth is that Trent Bridge has provided a pitch to strangle the life out of this game. It is as stacked against the bowlers as was the Oval last August, when only 22 wickets fell in five days of a Test against West Indies, and the outcome is liable to be the same. Frank Dalling, who spent many years as assistant groundsman to Ron Allsopp, feared beforehand that his first solo Test pitch would be a batting benefit and he has been proved right.

Eleven wickets have fallen in three days. Each, on average, has cost 77 runs and that ratio could rise by this evening. It is a moot point whether this one-dimensional cricket is any better than the opposite extreme achieved in the first Test at Edgbaston: either way, the spectator is not seeing a satisfactory contest.

The cricket on Saturday was not without interest. Indeed, given the towering quality of Javagal Srinath in two spells,

SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First Innings 521 (S R Tendulkar 177, S C Ganguly 136, R Dravid 84, S V Manjrekar 53)

ENGLAND: First Innings 145 (M A Atherton not out, 145 (410min, 329 balls, 17 fours); A J Stewart c Mongia b Srinath — 50 (170min, 118 balls, 6 fours); N Hussain not out — 107 (235min, 180 balls, 12 fours); Extras (b 3, lb 9, nb 0) — 20

Total (1 wk, 102 overs, 410min) — 322

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-130 (Atherton 70); 2-131 (Stewart 50); 3-131 (Hussain 107); 4-131 (Tendulkar 177); 5-131 (Dravid 84); 6-131 (Manjrekar 53); 7-131 (Srinath 82); 8-131 (Ganguly 136); 9-131 (Dalling 136); 10-131 (Dalling 136); 11-131 (Dalling 136); 12-131 (Dalling 136); 13-131 (Dalling 136); 14-131 (Dalling 136); 15-131 (Dalling 136); 16-131 (Dalling 136); 17-131 (Dalling 136); 18-131 (Dalling 136); 19-131 (Dalling 136); 20-131 (Dalling 136); 21-131 (Dalling 136); 22-131 (Dalling 136); 23-131 (Dalling 136); 24-131 (Dalling 136); 25-131 (Dalling 136); 26-131 (Dalling 136); 27-131 (Dalling 136); 28-131 (Dalling 136); 29-131 (Dalling 136); 30-131 (Dalling 136); 31-131 (Dalling 136); 32-131 (Dalling 136); 33-131 (Dalling 136); 34-131 (Dalling 136); 35-131 (Dalling 136); 36-131 (Dalling 136); 37-131 (Dalling 136); 38-131 (Dalling 136); 39-131 (Dalling 136); 40-131 (Dalling 136); 41-131 (Dalling 136); 42-131 (Dalling 136); 43-131 (Dalling 136); 44-131 (Dalling 136); 45-131 (Dalling 136); 46-131 (Dalling 136); 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Injured Reeve to contemplate early retirement

IT HAS been a turbulent summer for Warwickshire and now they must complete it without the soul and inspiration of their success. Dermot Reeve, who has led them to six trophies since 1993, is to have surgery on an arthritic hip and will not play again this season, the chances are, indeed, that he will not see him in competitive cricket again.

This news might appear to dominate the county scene this morning, until one delves beneath the bare bones of a damp Londoners' reunion at the Oval. There, defiant against Surrey in particular and the world in general, Philip Tufnell, of Middlesex, took five wickets for the third time in four innings.

To liken Reeve to Tufnell would be disingenuous. Neither man would care much for it and it would not strictly be accurate. Though both are gregarious characters with a maverick streak, Reeve is essentially High Life: Tufnell inclines towards champagne and black tie, the other towards beer, fags and no tie.

Where they can be compared is in perception of their personalities. Peers admire them as cricketers and observe them with fascination rather than feeling drawn towards them as men, while the top table which sits in judgment—selectors and their like—regard them with suspicion. It is largely for this reason that Reeve was not chosen initially for the World Cup and Tufnell is not now selected regularly in the Test team. In a game that depends upon team unity over long periods, their faces do not fit.

Now there are unquestionably valid factors involved here and the suggestion of simple prejudice would be false. Taken in isolation, Reeve's cricketing ability is limited, while Tufnell, after a sensational start to his Test career, spent too long in



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regression. Both, however, are match-winners in their specialist field. Reeve should have played considerably more than 29 one-day internationals and Tufnell more than 22 Tests.

Reeve was considering retirement at the end of this season, even before the injury that is now likely to convince him. He is not the most supple of 33-year-olds and the callisthenics he routinely performs in mid-match are not done entirely for show. Long-term back problems have given way to a hip condition that refuses to heal, even after an injection. "I've got to have the joint scraped and that means two to three months out," he said. "I have to decide whether I will be able to play again and I won't be doing that hastily."

The odd thing is that there will be those in authority at Edgbaston not entirely mourning this development. Some members of the committee were agitating for Reeve's replacement as captain last year, even as his indefinable qualities of leadership were conjuring more silverware for them to show off. This heresy was resisted, but Reeve, unarguably, can be a difficult man to govern and the enforced appointment of a new captain will be greeted by some with relief.

Tim Munton, the natural successor, is injured, too, and for the second time this summer. So, for the time being, the side will be led by Andy Moles. Reeve's legacy is a team struggling to stay within sight of their old supremacy, within a club preoccupied by a defective pitch that now presents a genuine threat to its Test match status.

Last September, of course, it was Middlesex who took Warwickshire to the wire in the championship thanks to the dramatic last wicket of Tufnell's ten against Leicestershire. Funny, that, for while Tufnell is continuing to take

wickets, it is now Leicestershire who are making headlines.

Middlesex, beset, like Warwickshire, by injuries to key players, could confront a fourth defeat today against Surrey. But Tufnell, even without his old mucker and motivator, John Emburey, is both bowling well and talking himself up as a mature 30-year-old. The selectors, it seems, are not listening.

In recent weeks, a number of spin bowlers have been mentioned by Raymond Illingworth, but only Min Patel has played. He is neither as innovative nor as skilful as Tufnell, and far less likely to influence a Test match. But the next in line is Ian Salisbury and, if not him, then Richard Stemp. Tufnell has too many touring endorsements to be considered for overseas duty again and, if there is no long-term gain in picking him, perhaps the selectors are right.

There is irony, however, in the fact that while two champion clubs struggle and two talented, charismatic figures head, respectively, for retirement and disillusionment, a deeply unfashionable county is being swept into title contention by a largely unheard-of player.

Vince Wells was out for 197 on Saturday, and might regard it as a failure after making 200 in his previous championship innings and 201 in the NatWest Trophy. He is 30, the same age as Tufnell, and has been playing county cricket for nine years without emerging from the small print. In 76 first-class games before this season, he had managed two centuries. Now, if Leicestershire complete their probable win over Essex today, perhaps it will be Wells who is debated by amateur England selectors everywhere. But then again, mavericks make for better arguments.



Reeve: hip condition



Tufnell: bowling well

Mushtaq keeps secret weapon for Test

Simon Wilde on how the Pakistan leg spinner plans to unveil a mystery ball against England

Mushtaq Ahmed, Pakistan's cherubic leg spinner, is preparing a new delivery with which to torment England's batsmen when he meets them in the three-match Test series which begins at Lord's later this month. He was shown how to bowl the ball earlier this year by Shane Warne, the Australia leg spinner, with whom he has shared the secrets of their trade in the past.

Mushtaq, who has yet to employ the ball in a first-class match, was seen practising the delivery before play at Taunton last week. He was helped by Rob Turner, the bowler's coach at Somerset, for whom Mushtaq took 225 wickets between 1993 and 1995 and where he returns in 1997 and 1998.

"His new delivery spirals in to the right-handed batsman from outside off stump through the air," Turner said. "On pitching, it does not break so much as carry on its path."

"Batsmen will find it very difficult to pick out," he said. "The hand action is identical to that for the leg break, so that will be of no help. By the time they realise which ball it is, it will be on them."

Two years ago, Brian Lara said Mushtaq presented a greater challenge than Warne because he possessed more variations. Asked at Taunton if he did not already possess enough deliveries which batsmen could not play, Mushtaq simply smiled in that disarming way of his and said: "One can never rest in this game. You have to keep looking for something new. I like to experiment."

According to one source, Mushtaq was planning to use the new ball in his first spell against Somerset but "got shy". In fact, he did not need it. By bowling his familiar repertoire beautifully on a pitch offering turn, Mushtaq



Mushtaq has a new delivery up his sleeve for the coming Test series

was more than a match for his former county teammates, taking five wickets — and adding five more in the second innings. Even Turner, with his insights into Mushtaq's methods, could not help twice losing his wicket to him cheaply.

However, provided that England's batsmen show more resolve than Somerset's when they play Pakistan in the Test matches, Mushtaq will surely test them out with his new delivery.

Mushtaq has made another change to his bowling

since he was last in England and that, too, is down to Warne. During Pakistan's tour of Australia last winter, Mushtaq noticed how straight Warne ran to the crease, while he himself had long come in at a sharp angle. By following Warne's lead,

Mushtaq found greater comfort bowling his stock leg break, which had previously put great strain on his back. It was a ball that his Pakistan and Somerset team-mates believed he bowled too infrequently.

"We got onto him last year to bowl fewer googlies and variations to his leg break," one Somerset player said. "Part of the reason was that it hurt his back, but he also got excited if he saw a turning pitch and tried too many variations when all he needed to do was bowl five stock balls an over."

Mushtaq so enjoyed bamboozling batsmen with his googly, though, that — even if he did not dismiss them — he was reluctant to use it less. The message got home partly by accident, after he had started falling away in delivering the googly. He was advised to bowl more leg breaks to get his action back and it was then, when the wickets came in even greater numbers, that he finally accepted the wisdom of his colleagues' words.

The reward for Mushtaq was not only 95 wickets for Somerset last season but also a recall to the Pakistan team for which he had previously achieved disappointingly little. This time he took 18 wickets in two Tests against Australia — after which Warne showed him the "mystery" ball — and ten wickets in a one-off Test against New Zealand.

Mushtaq readily acknowledges what county cricket has done for him, which is why he had no qualms about resigning with Somerset last week. "The main thing I have learnt in county cricket," he said, "is to be patient."

All this may sound like a strong argument in favour of the moratorium on overseas players in county cricket, but the failure of so many English players to learn how to play him may have more to do with Mushtaq's ability to keep on improving his game. At 26, he can only get better.

If England pay this summer for Mushtaq's latest modifications, it really ought to be their old foe Warne they should blame.

Brown stands by to swing into action

Ivo Tennant talks to an unassuming left-arm bowler whose yeoman efforts for Durham could earn overdue recognition from England

has, though, a record they would respect. In 4½ seasons, he has taken 236 first-class wickets for a side that is constantly at the foot of the championship table, and thus has earned such moments of relaxation as he can find. Durham have not won a match this summer, yet, on Saturday, Brown became the first bowler in the country to take 50 wickets.

It is hard for cricket followers in the North East to avoid concluding that, had Brown been playing for, say, Middlesex or Essex, he would have been chosen for England by now. He was close to being picked for a Test against Pakistan in 1992, Durham's first year in the championship, but Neil Mallered's greater experience was preferred. Four years on, the Pakistanis are back and once again Brown's name is mooted.

If the England selectors decide to continue to play a left-arm opening or first-change bowler, Brown will bear close comparison with Alan Mullally. The figures of the latter in this Test will ultimately decide the matter, but, presumably, thought will be given to Brown's form and, importantly, whether he has a greater ability to bring the ball back into the right-hander in addition to his natural slant across the bat.

This ability to swing the ball both ways is what has made Brown such a performer in county cricket. "I find that batsmen are more inclined to push out at the ball in case it comes into them," he said. "I can bring it back more often than not, sometimes gaining more rhythm in my second spell. I am naturally pretty fit



Brown has carried the Durham attack with his consistent brand of brisk, left-arm bowling

and have always got through my share of overs."

That is an understatement. Brown has carried Durham's attack this season, as indeed he has every season. It is extraordinary to think that he had four years with Northamptonshire and scarcely played an impression. He shrugs the memory away. "They had a very strong seam attack at the time and it was hard to get into the side," he said. The experience constricted his ambitions, but he did benefit from the coaching of Dennis Lillee.

Or perhaps that is just his nature. He will bowl 25 or 30 overs in a day without complaint, but he is just as happy not playing. His wife hates the game and he is fond of his golf and his basketball, at which he had so much talent that he was offered a sports scholarship in the United States when he was 15.

He has no great ambition to play Test cricket. Indeed, he has no great ambition at all. It is a part of his charm. When he left Northamptonshire, having been homesick away from his native North East, Brown nearly gave up the game. He would have done so had Durham not become a first-class county, falling back instead on his winter work as an electrician for the North East Electricity Board.

Whether or not this lack of ambition has counted against him, a perception that he has taken a goodly number of wickets on dodgy pitches in the North East certainly has done. Yet this season he has gained more wickets in other counties than he has at Chester-le-Street. The next-highest wicket-taker for Durham since they entered the county championship is John Wood, whose 111 represents less than half his tally.

Brown has sought his advice carefully. As well as learning from Lillee, he has been helped by John Lever — "the best of county bowlers day-in, day-out". There are similarities that extend beyond bowling left-arm over the wicket at much the same pace. Lever, too, thrived on long spells and did not play for England until he was 27, the age Brown is now.

"If you have had enough grounding, Test cricket is not quite such a step up as it is for bowlers who are rushed in," Lever said. "John Snow used to argue that you are at your strongest as a pace bowler between the ages of 27 and 32. There are four left-armers fighting for one place, but Simon has proved he is strong, can swing the ball and bowl at a brisk pace. The selectors know what he can do."

Edwards to come of age for England

ENGLAND'S women have turned to youth in an attempt to win the three-match series against New Zealand. For the third Test, which starts at Guildford on Friday, Charlotte Edwards, 16, an opening batsman, will become the youngest English woman to play Test cricket.

Edwards's uncapped Cambridge team-mate, Lucy Pearson, 24, is the other new face in the 12-strong party. Edwards, who also represents East Anglia, replaces Helen Hocking, of Yorkshire, and Pearson, a left-arm medium-pace bowler, takes over from Jan Godman, who, like Pinner, disappointed in the rain-ruined drawn second Test at Worcester.

Anne Gordon, the chief of selectors,

said: "We have made the changes with an eye to the future, but also to try to win the three-match series. Edwards has shown excellent form and has a maturity beyond her years; I think she will handle the occasion well."

The second Test ended in a predictable draw after rain interrupted play throughout Saturday, New Zealand reaching 296 for six in England's 276. Debbie Hockley, the New Zealand opener, moved confidently to her fourth Test century, only the third woman to score four hundreds in Tests after Enid Bakewell of England, and Sandya Agarwal, of India.

Her hundred came off 226 balls and

included 15 boundaries. She had scored 115 and batted for just over five hours when she was well caught in the gully by Suzie Redfern off the bowling of Kathryn Leng.

Mala Lewis recorded her best Test score with a maiden half-century off only 57 balls. She hit ten fours, before Clare Taylor finally claimed her wicket after she had been dropped four times.

SCORES: England 276 (J Smith 89, S Metcalfe 66, K Withers 6-73; New Zealand 296-6 (Hockley 115, M Lewis 66).

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Gloucestershire v Glamorgan

BRISTOL (third day of four) Glamorgan have a first-innings lead of 328 over Gloucestershire.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-38, 3-54, 4-63, 5-63, 6-130, 7-145, 8-156, 9-175.

BOWLING: McCague 28-7-50-4; Headley 44-4-55-2; Preston 16.1-4-2-2; Fleming 16-0-37; Hooper 3-2-4-1; Stanford 3-6-0.

Second Innings

S L Campbell not out	9
S Hutton not out	1
Extras (lb 1)	1

Total (no wicket) 11

BOWLING: McCague 4-3-4-0; Headley 3-1-5-0.

Bonus points: Kent 6 Durham 6

Umpires: N T Peters and R Palmer.

Lancashire v Worcestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four): Lancashire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 68 runs ahead of Worcestershire.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 392 (J E R Gallen 140, G D Lloyd 59, VS Solanki 52 116).

Second Innings

S P Titchard not out	15
J E R Gallen c Church b Ellis	10
N J Speck at Rhodes b Solanki	11
G Gagne not out	1
Extras (lb 1)	1

Total (2 wickets) 26

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-26

BOWLING: Sherriff 40-11-0; Ellis 5-7-1; Illingsworth 31-1-50; Solanki 2-0-2-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P W Weston not out	17
M J Church not out	28
T S Gooch at Welford	1
N J Moody c Titchard b Keedy	10
K R Spilling not out	8
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 2)	3

Total (8 wickets, day 3) 58

VS SOLANKI: 16.1-4-115; HSJ Rhodes, R K Illingsworth, S W K Ellis and A Sherriff did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-105, 3-329

BOWLING: Keedy 12-16-0; 2-80; 10-22-42; Westwood 23-4-82; Austin 17-5-52; Keedy 27-7-61; Titchard 6-0-36-0.

Bonus points: Lancashire 5 Worcestershire 8

Umpires: H D Bird and A A Jones.

Leicestershire v Essex

LEICESTER (third day of four): Essex, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 98 runs behind Leicestershire.

ESSEX: First Innings 163 (G J Harrison 4 for 21, D J Mills 4 for 74).

Second Innings

G A Gooch c Simmons b Simmonds	72
D D J Robinson b Simmonds	15
A P Grayson low b Simmonds	25
S G Law c Preston b Simmonds	19
P J Orchard not out	1
Extras (lb 6, nb 4)	10

Total (1 wicket) 168

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-104, 3-158

BOWLING: Mills 6-34-0; Parsons 12-4-19; Simmonds 14-2-32; Parsons 19-4-16; 1-61; Simmonds 11-1-16; Harrison 7-1-15-1; 4-4-0; Wells 4-1-16-0; Brimston 7-1-15-1; 4-4-0; not out.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells and Andrew	197
D J Moody c Paine b Ians	35
D J Moody c Paine b Ians	26

Total (55.1 overs) 269

J J Whitaker c Law b Andrew 4
A Hills b Andrew 0
TP A Nisan b Niran 0
D J Mills low b Grayson 103
O Persons at Rhodes b Grayson 11
A R K Pearson not out 13
M R Branson not out 17
Extras (lb 1, lb 22, w 3, nb 34) 60

Total (6 wickets dec) 254

Score at 120 overs: 415-7, 1-119, 2-177, 3-155, 4-203, 5-230, 6-271, 7-425, 8-435.

BOWLING: Cowan 26-5-2-0; Williams 20-3-79-1; Andrew 12-2-52-3; Ians 25-4-0-5; Law 14-4-28-0; Such 13-33-0-1; Grayson 13-2-3-4-0.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 8 Essex 3.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder.

Surrey v Middlesex

THE Oval (third day of four): Middlesex, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 91 runs behind Surrey.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 232 (M R Rampey 80, M W Gatting 32, M P Stirling 55 4 for 63).

Second Innings

J C Peel c Wiles b Benjamin	3
P N Woodley b Benjamin	3
M R Rampey c Pockley b Wilets	4
M W Gatting not out	2
Extras (lb 1, w 3, nb 2)	6

Total (2 wickets) 26

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-16

BOWLING: M P Stirling 52-16-0; Benjamin 55-4-2; Wilets 12-11-0; 2-11; 1-11;

RACING: SANDOWN SECOND MAKES JOHNSTON-TRAINED COLT TOP THREE-YEAR-OLD IN EUROPE

Bijou D'Inde shines through Eclipse

By RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

BUJOU D'INDE is likely to re-appear in the Juddmonte International Stakes at York after earning top billing among the classic generation and a stallion valuation in excess of £2 million in a thrilling Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park.

Nigel Gray, the British Horseracing Board handicapper responsible for the middle-distance category, yesterday raised the Stuart Morrison-owned and Mark Johnston-trained colt by 4lb to a rating of 127 after he had failed by a neck to prevent Halling from coming off the fifth horse to win the group one race in successive years.

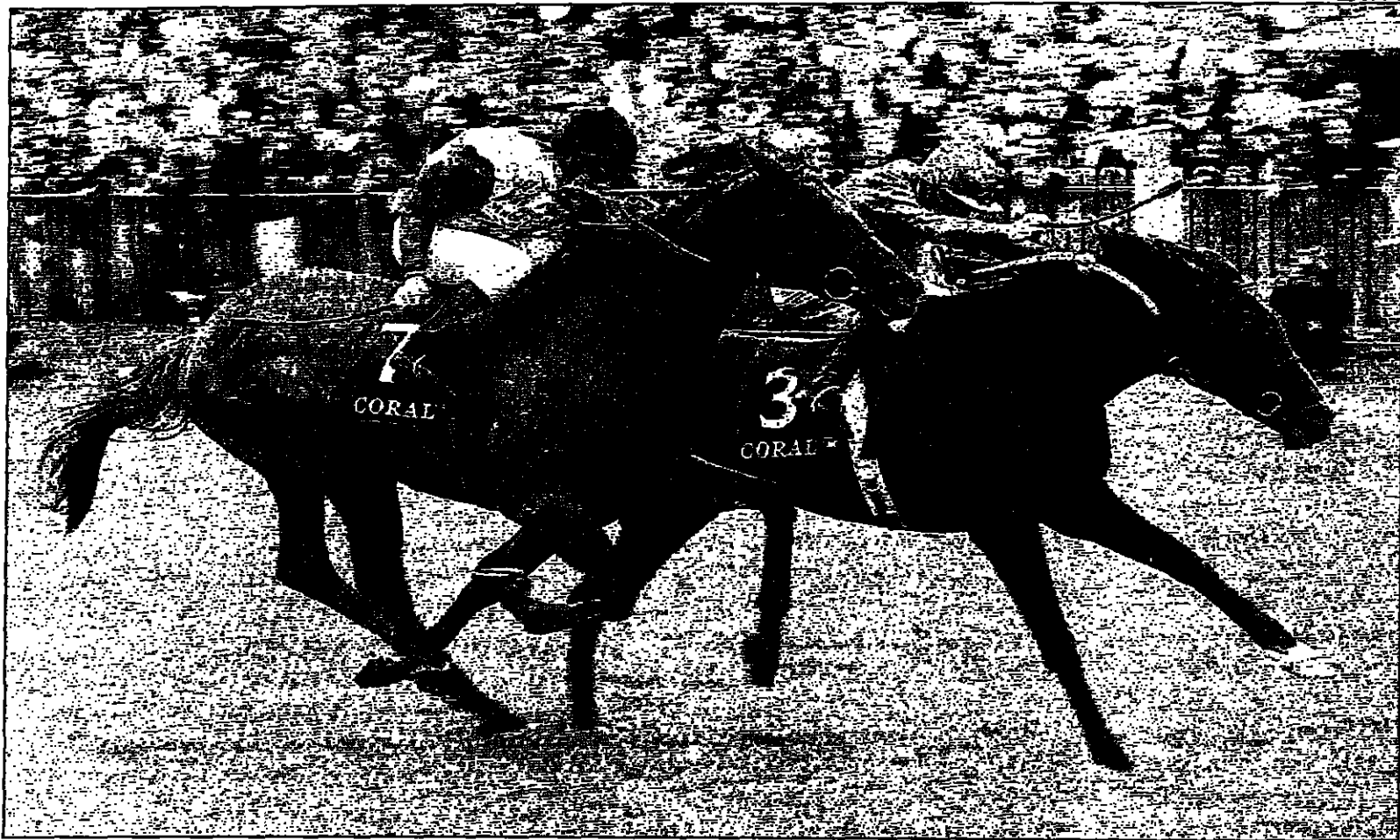
The official assessment, set against the mark of 123

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ARABIAN STORY (7.35 Windsor)
Next best: QUESTIONIA (9.05 Windsor)

allocated to Shaamit, the Derby winner, and the 125 given to Zager for his runaway success in the Irish Derby, makes Bijou D'Inde the top rated three-year-old in Europe.

While Johnston was the first to acknowledge Halling's class, which enabled the Godolphin-owned five-year-old to quicken a second time when Bijou D'Inde made a threatening challenge a furlong out, he said the outcome would have been even closer with different riding tactics. "Jason [Weaver] should have come up the stands' side on the better ground. It is always difficult to beat a horse that is hanging into you. Anyone who says we were lucky in the St James's Palace Stakes would have to say we were unlucky in the Eclipse, although I am



Halling runs on strongly to hold the determined challenge of Bijou D'Inde in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park on Saturday

not complaining about either race."

After the doubts about the ability of the Royal Ascot winner to handle the easier ground and extra quarter-mile, Bijou D'Inde confounded the sceptics and in so doing opened up a world of options. "Before the Eclipse we had said there was nothing for him until the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot in September, but the Juddmonte International Stakes at York, where the track and the ground would suit us better, is now a distinct possibility. It is quite

likely we will reappear

Halling. The Breeders' Cup Mile, the original end-of-season target, may be reviewed as his proven stamina could open up other races at Woodbine, the Canadian venue. "We have a little bit of a dream about wintering in Dubai and going for the Dubai World Cup. If we go to the Breeders' Cup, Bijou D'Inde could then fly on to Dubai rather than coming home."

Morrison, the Glasgow solicitor who bought Bijou D'Inde for just 20,000 guineas

as a yearling, now finds himself in a most enviable position as would-be purchasers assess his value as a stallion.

Representatives of a British and an Irish stud had informal negotiations with Johnston last week about a possible purchase and, before Saturday, Morrison was thinking in terms of agreeing to a sale within the next week or two. Not surprisingly, the outcome of the Eclipse has prompted a change of heart. "After yesterday I think I will be keeping him until at least the end of the

season, although ultimately it is inevitable he goes. I can't keep a horse of that quality," Morrison said yesterday.

Johnston told Morrison before the 2,000 Guineas that his Cadeaux Genereux colt was better bred than Mister Bailey, who won the Newmarket classic for the Middleham trainer in 1994 and was subsequently sold for £1.3 million. Informal discussions had taken place last week with bloodstock agents about his possible value "but everything has changed dramatically now". He added: "We are not

trying to negotiate a sale. We don't put for sale signs outside stable doors but personally I would say his value is now considerably more than £1.5 million. I don't think we would sell him for less than £2 million."

Halling, unbeaten on turf since August 1994, will now be aimed at the top ten-furlong races in Europe, starting at York and continuing with the Irish Champion Stakes and the Dubai Champion Stakes, before possibly having a crack at the Breeders' Cup Turf over 1½ miles.

Godolphin plans future by investing in youth

The pillar-to-post victory of Halling at Sandown Park on Saturday means that Godolphin has now registered five group one or championship victories this season and won around £1.6 million in prize money — and it is tempting to suggest "you ain't seen nothing yet."

No sooner had the Coral-Eclipse Stakes trophy been returned to the sideboard in Newmarket where it had been displayed for the previous 12 months, than a hint of what lies in store was given by Simon Crisford, the eloquent voice of the Sheikh Mohammed-inspired racing operation.

When the Dubai team set up camp in Newmarket for the first time in earnest last year, they relied almost exclusively on horses aged three and upwards as they made successful hit-and-run raids on the top races. This year there has been a subtle change in strategy. Many more runners have been sent out from their Moulton Park base, and those horses which have failed to come up to scratch have been given their PPSs and dispatched back to Dubai without delay.

The reason for such ruthlessness is simple: to free as many boxes as possible for two-year-olds. Twenty of the 46 boxes at the Godolphin yard off the Bury Road are now given over to juveniles. "Two-year-olds will be the backbone of our organisation in future," Crisford said yesterday.

"There is an emphasis on trying to develop and bring through these horses to the race track, rather than hang-

ing on to older horses that are not going to do a job for us."

Newmarket trainers might shudder at those words, but the latest chapter in the Dubai experiment bodes well for British racing. The adventurous play to throw a trio of two-year-olds into the deep end at Royal Ascot paid off handsomely with Shaamit winning the Chesham Stakes and the other two

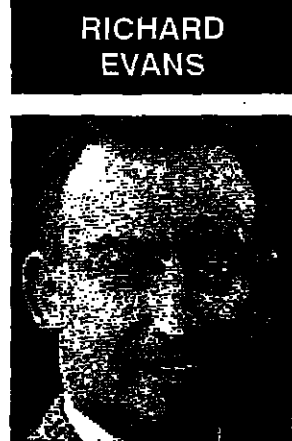
All of which may just produce a Reference Point-type horse: one that is thoroughly campaigned as a two-year-old and is well known to the racing public come the Derby unlike Lammtarra and Shaamit.

I have been trying, with too much success, to calculate the combined wealth of Peter Savill, Sir Eric Parker and Bill Greddley. £15 million? £50 million? £150 million? Even more? My guess is that the last named is closest to the mark.

What prompted the thought was the Racehorse Owners' Association (ROA) annual meeting last week, when the three made a heartfelt plea that any cut in betting duty should result in the shape of reduced deductions. There was even talk of an owners' "strike" to press home their case.

The ROA annual meetings are curious affairs. The atmosphere is similar to that found at fringe meetings of the Conservative Party conference or at a well-attended Punch and Judy show. What happens does not always coincide with day-to-day reality.

It is not that I disagree with the need for Britain's internationally low levels of prize-money to be increased, but there was something slightly unreal, almost grotesque, about three of the wealthiest people in the land effectively saying the punter must contribute more towards the cost of their pleasure.



Racing Commentary

running with credit in the Queen Mary and Coventry Stakes.

The most talented Godolphin juveniles are still under wraps but should make their debut later this month. If they prove themselves on the racecourse they will no doubt join Shaamit and line up for the autumn's best two-year-old races, which traditionally provide the clues to the next season's classics.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER
6.40 Premier League, 7.10 Victory Dancer, 7.35 Arabian Story, 8.05 Gentle Irony, 8.35 Sea Danzig, 9.05 Questionia.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 9.05 QUESTIONIA (nap).

6.40 BARRY AND SHEILA NOAKES HANDICAP

(£3,453; 1m 21f 2y) (15 runners)
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7.35 WHITBREAD LIMITED STAKES

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THUNDERER
2.15 Farewell My Love, 2.45 Crystal Warrior, 3.15 Swain At Whalley, 3.45 Bobanyn, 4.15 Allison's Melba, 4.45 Roseate Lodge.

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2.15 EBF PRESTONPANS MEDIAN AUCTION

MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O, £3,048 5f) (3 runners)
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2.45 NEWBATTLE SELLING HANDICAP

(£2,388; 1m 31f 2y) (13 runners)
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3.15 LE GARCIN D'OR HANDICAP

(£2,775 5f) (8 runners)
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8.05 FRENCH HORN AT SONNING

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HANDICAP (£3,274; 1m 6f 2y) (16 runners)
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8.35 CHAMPAGNE RUMART HANDICAP

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(3-Y-O, £3,128; 5f 21y) (18 runners)
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9.05 BUNBURY MAIDEN STAKES

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9.35 MUSSELBURGH FILLIES HANDICAP

(£2,814; 1m 4f 3y) (9 runners)
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4.15 DUNBAR CLAIMING STAKES

(£2,605; 7f 15y) (5 runners)
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4.45 MILL HILL HANDICAP

(£2,736; 1m 16y) (10 runners)
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6.15 DUNBAR CLAIMING STAKES

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6.45 MILL HILL HANDICAP

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7.15 LE GARCIN D'OR HANDICAP

(£2,775 5f) (8 runners)
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7.45 MUSSELBURGH FILLIES HANDICAP

(£2,814; 1m 4f 3y) (9 runners)
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ROWING: IMPERIAL COACH ON OLYMPIC DUTY MISSES COLLEGE'S TWIN TRIUMPH ON FINAL DAY AT HENLEY

Crew heeds Mason's Grand instruction

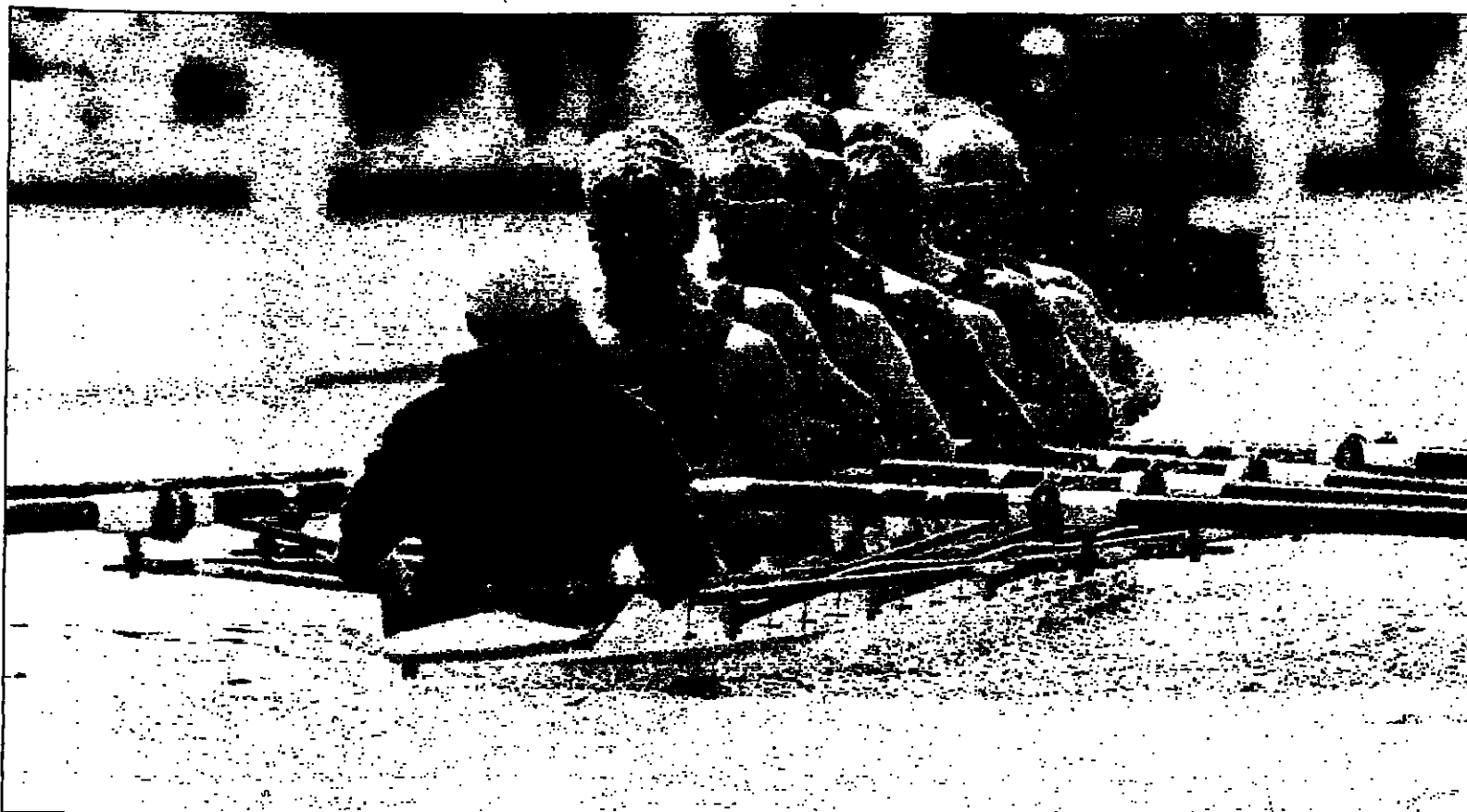
By Mike Rosewell
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

BILL MASON, who is training the British women's Olympic eight in Canada but is due to return to his coaching job at Imperial College in September, sent a message to the Imperial crew at Henley: "Win the Grand. I did."

The Imperial/Queen's Tower crew did just that yesterday with a two-length victory over the Dutch national lightweight eight in the fastest time of the regatta. This was the first Grand eight success for Imperial and the crew will presumably get to Mason, with the icing that another Queen's Tower crew also won the Wyfold fours after rowing through a tough Molesey crew in the second half. Yale, from the United States, in the hundredth anniversary of their first Henley entry, deprived Imperial of a hat-trick in the final of the Temple Cup eights.

Those who expected a tight Ladies' Challenge Plate final between Leander and Goldie were thwarted by the Cambridge crew, who produced a scintillating row to win by 3½ lengths. Miles Barnett, the Goldie stroke and one of five Boat Race winners in the line-up, introduced an unscheduled early spring just 90 seconds into the battle. Pushing the rate to 40%, his crew led by a length at the barrier and Leander were history.

Four of the Goldie crew also raced in the Stewards' Challenge Cup final but were beaten by four Nottingham County/London lightweight internationals. One of them, Bill Baker, was a last-minute replacement for Andy Butt, whose wife went into labour on Friday. Baker got a Henley winners medal. Butt has a 6lb 4oz son.



Goldie on their way to victory over Leander in the final of the Ladies' Plate at Henley yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Overseas crews swept the board in the doubles, pairs and singles. The Double Sculls Challenge Cup was won by Greg Walker and Greg Lewis, from the United States, some consolation in a year when they just missed Olympic selection. Hermann Bauer, of Austria, with his new partner, Andreas Nader, regained his grasp on the Silver Goblets and Nickalls' Cup after a gap of five years, during which time Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent have reigned supreme. The Austrians, who were pushed hard by Jon Singfield and Adrian Cassidy on Saturday, won comfortably yesterday against the Swiss Olympic spare men.

Maria Brandin, Sweden's world champion, duly defended her Women's Sculls title, her only hiccup in the process being the need to find a stronger boat after her first race. Merlijn Vervoorn, 20, from Holland, displayed maturity in sculling past Andy

Bihrer, of Switzerland, in the second half of the Diamond Sculls final. The young Dutchman has decided to race in the Under-23 Nations Cup rather than go to Atlanta as spare man "I have chosen to row, not to watch," he said.

Oxford's other university just missed out in the Visitors Cup for fours. The crew, with the new president, Ed Bellamy, at bow, led the polished Argo crew from Holland, before succumbing in the last 20 strokes. Neptune, the Irish champions, took the Thames Cup, in spite of a strong late challenge from Wallingford.

The standard of the school boy-winners at Henley was exceptional this year, in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup eights and the Fawley Challenge Cup quads. After ending Canford's giant-killing act on Saturday, Brentwood College School, Canada, really opened up in the Princess Elizabeth final yesterday to overwhelm St Edward's, recording a time only three seconds outside the record.

Australians fall apart beneath All Black storm

New Zealand 43
Australia 6By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEVER let it be said that poor weather in the northern hemisphere is an excuse for poor play: the Australians proved that they could overcome British conditions in 1984 and, in windy Wellington on Saturday, New Zealand produced a phenomenal display of wet-weather rugby.

The All Blacks have laid down a marker for the first match in the inaugural tri-nation tournament — the next is between Australia and South Africa in Sydney on Saturday — which their partners will do well to match. They did so at Athletic Park, one of the poorest international grounds in the world, into the teeth of a south-easterly gale and heavy rain.

The secret, John Hart, their coach, said, was in attitude. That is a message which Ian McGeechan, among others, has been trying to drill into his charges at Northampton, but all too often English teams pay only lip service to the concept. Now they are professional, they will have to embrace it as Sir Tasker Watkins, president of the Welsh Rugby Union, tartly pointed out to his union's annual meeting: "No sensible person pays, or goes on paying, for failure."

not to get carried away with that performance when the Australians didn't play anywhere near their potential. Hart said. Four tries into the wind (the first in only the second minute) and stout defending during the second-half phase, when Australia created their only genuine try-scoring opportunities, were cause for deep satisfaction. Nor were the All Blacks dependent upon set-pieces: the key to their domination lay in the loose, where the Australian back row was obliterated.

Josh Kronfeld and Michael Jones, both open-side flankers by nature, worked in tandem so well that Zinzan Brooke could play the moving role he loves. At no stage did the Australian runners cross the advantage line, more often than not they were devoured in the tackle and stripped of

Australia have brought in Pat Howard and George Gregan to replace Scott Bowen and Sam Payne at half back against South Africa at Sydney on Saturday.

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possession, leaving the New Zealand half backs, Mehrtens and Justin Marshall, to dictate the pattern of the game.

For the first time in 77 appearances, Sean Fitzpatrick did not complete an international, but the All Blacks captain, who chipped the bone in his elbow, expects to be fit to meet South Africa in Christchurch on July 20.

SCORES: New Zealand: Tries: M Jones, Cullen, Marshall, 2 Brooke, Wilson, Lomu. Conversions: Mehrtens (2). Penalty goals: Mehrtens (3). Australia: Penalties: Burke (2).

NEW ZEALAND: C M Cullen (Manawatu), J W Wilson (Otago), D Horan (Otago), W K Little (North Harbour), J T Lomu (Otago), A P Mehrtens (Canterbury), J W Jones (Auckland), M Birt (Canterbury), D Mennie (Auckland), S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland), R M Brooke (Auckland), J A Kronfeld (Otago), T V Brooke (Auckland), J J Marshall (Otago), D J Wilson (Otago), G J Morgan (Auckland), D J Wilson (Otago).

Australia: M Burke (New South Wales), B Tunc (New South Wales), J Roff (New South Wales), T Horan (New South Wales), D Campese (New South Wales), P Howard (New South Wales), G Gregan (New South Wales), M Birt (New South Wales), D Wilson (New South Wales), D Mennie (New South Wales), J Sales (New South Wales), G Morgan (New South Wales), A Heath (New South Wales), M Foley (New South Wales), D Crowley (New South Wales).

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Pugh pours scorn on Union over TV stance

By David Hands

THE charm offensive being conducted by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) will continue this week as the potentially stormy annual meeting looms on Friday, but it received scathing condemnation from Wales on Saturday. What the RFU perceives as commercial logic was given short shrift by Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union, at its own annual meeting in Port Talbot.

All of England's clubs have been circulated with the justification for the RFU's independent stance over television negotiations, which has caused a deep rift with the other home unions. Scotland and Ireland have already confirmed their opposition to England's move, which threatens their place in the five nations' championship. Wales have now raised queries over the nature of the £87.5 million agreement which the RFU has reached with BSkyB, the satellite tele-

vision company part-owned by News International, owners of The Times.

"The impression created is that pay-per-view has no place in the contract," Pugh said. "We believe, on good grounds, that the position is different from that. I think the rugby public in England should know what the details of the contract are."

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RESULTS FROM HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

Thames Cup

Holders: Imperial College, London

Semi-finals

Neptune (Iris) at London A 16, 6min 45sec

Wallingford A at Essex-Kupferdreh (Ger) 3, 6:28

Neptune at Wallingford A 16, 6:29

Temple Cup

Holders: Oxford Brookes University

Quarter-finals

Univ of London at Newcastle Univ 16, 6:38

Imperial Coll, London A at Nereus (Holl) 2/1, 6:38

Yale Univ at Goldie 11/1, 6:50

Trinity Coll, Dublin at Oxford Brookes Univ A 4/1, 6:44

Semi-finals

Yale Univ at Trinity Coll 11, 6:29

Imperial Coll A at Univ of London 16, 6:25

Final

Yale Univ at Imperial Coll A 16, 6:26

Goldie at Leander 3/1, 6:23

Princess Elizabeth Cup

Holders: Eton

Semi-finals

St Edward's at St Paul's 1/1, 6:55

Brentwood Coll (Can) at Canford 21, 6:41

Wyfold Cup

Holders: Lea A

Semi-finals

Molesey A at Nottingham B 2/1, 7:08

Queen's Tower at Nottingham A 3/1, 7:12

Final

Queen's Tower at Molesey A 3/1, 6:46

Diamond Sculls

Holder: J Jeanson (Est)

Semi-finals

A R Bihrer (Grasshopper, Switz) at O W Hall-Christie (Tidevays Scullers' Sch) 4/1, 8:29

M L O Verwoerd (Delfische Proctus-Erste, Holl) at P E Peesly (Melbourne Univ, Aus) 2/1, 8:19

Final

Verwoerd at Bihrer 1/1, 7:42

Britannia Cup

Holders: Wallingford

Semi-finals

Oxford Brookes Univ at Georgetown Univ (US) 1/1, 7:31

Final

Univ of London at Kingston 1/1, 7:27

Women's Sculls

Holder: M H Brandin (Swe)

Semi-finals

M H Brandin (Kingslake Roddick, Swed) at R C Stanbury (Tidevays Scullers Sch) easily, 8:41

C Luthi (Rouss Lucerne, Switz) at B Wild (Stansstad, Switz) easily, 9:01

RIPON

THUNDERER

7.00 Guineastime, 7.25 Sheraton Girl, 7.50 ONE POUND (nap), 8.20 Matseima, 8.50 King's Acad-

emy, 9.20 Champagne N Dreams.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

7.25 HOH SURPRISE.

GOING GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

7.00 FISHERGATE SELLING STAKES

(2,707; 1m 20) (13 runners)

1 (9) 0545 FORZAR 3 (B) J J O'Neil 4-9-12 J Wimmer 82

2 (11) 1111 NORTH HAVEN 10 (B) M J Hume 5-10-12 J Wimmer 82

3 (4) 450 ACQUITTAL 14 (B) A Sander 4-8-7 R Halls 83

4 (11) 3004 DIAMOND CROWN 7 (B) M Wane 5-5-7 K Fallon 85

5 (14) 6800 SULLIVAN 8 (B) S Hume 7-4-7 J Wimmer 82

6 (8) 0365 GUESSIMAN 19 (B) J Pinner 7-3-7 B Hume 81

7 (10) 8-32 WILLY STAR 3 (B) M S Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

8 (10) 604 BOY BLAZER 10 (B) S Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

9 (11) 4-4 SLEEPY BOY 25 (B) S Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

10 (11) 0-06 HARK TIMES 3 (B) J Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

11 (11) 4-06 LEBRON 14 (B) S Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

12 (12) 0-0 PRINCESS LYNNARD 17 (B) S Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

13 (11) 0040 VESPERA LADY 14 (B) E Wane 5-5-7 J Wimmer 82

4-1 Mark Ash, 9-2 Fozzie, 10-3 Sander, 5-1 Wily Star, 7-1 others

7.25 SKELGATE MAIDEN AUCTION

FILIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,576; 5m) (7)

1 (7) 36 CASUAL COTTAGE 36 (B) C Murray 6-7 J Wimmer 78

2 (11) 5 SHERATON GIRL 49 (B) J Wimmer 82

3 (11) 45 THE LITE 7 (B) M S Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

4 (11) 464 UNDER PRESSURE 21 (B) Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

5 (2) 2 MY GIRL 21 (B) S Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

6 (11) 5 TEDDY'S BOY 18 (B) M S Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

3-4 High Surprize, 11-4 Five Lites, 4-1 My Girl, Under Pressure, 5-1 others

7.50 BONDGATE HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £4,455; 1m 41) (12)

1 (9) 0534 SCARLETT 10 (B) F J Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

2 (11) 0525 GUNWISSE 24 (B) L Curren 3-7-7 J Wimmer 82

3 (11) 0523 SHERATON GIRL 49 (B) J Wimmer 82

4 (11) 5-40 PLEASURE TRICK 26 (B) J Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

5 (11) 5-40 LARRY LOU 10 (B) J Sander 4-8-7 J Wimmer 82

6 (11) 0523 SHERATON GIRL 49 (B) J Wimmer 82

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SATURDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Sandown Park

Quint: good to soft

2.15 (1m 16yd) 1. Grotto (J Red, 7-2); 2. Macquary (3-1); 3. Dark Green (5-1); 4. Nipper (5-1); 5. San San (5-1); 6. Macquary (5-1); 7. Dark Green (5-1); 8. Nipper (5-1); 9. San San (5-1); 10. Macquary (5-1); 11. Dark Green (5-1); 12. Nipper (5-1); 13. San San (5-1); 14. Macquary (5-1); 15. Dark Green (5-1); 16. Nipper (5-1); 17. San San (5-1); 18. Macquary (5-1); 19. Dark Green (5-1); 20. Nipper (5-1); 21. San San (5-1); 22. Macquary (5-1); 23. Dark Green (5-1); 24. Nipper (5-1); 25. San San (5-1); 26. Macquary (5-1); 27. Dark Green (5-1); 28. Nipper (5-1); 29. San San (5-1); 30. Macquary (5-1); 31. Dark Green (5-1); 32. Nipper (5-1); 33. San San (5-1); 34. Macquary (5-1); 35. Dark Green (5-1); 36. Nipper (5-1); 37. San San (5-1); 38. Macquary (5-1); 39. Dark Green (5-1); 40. Nipper (5-1); 41. San San (5-1); 42. Macquary (5-1); 43. Dark Green (5-1); 44. Nipper (5-1); 45. San San (5-1); 46. Macquary (5-1); 47. Dark Green (5-1); 48. Nipper (5-1); 49. San San (5-1); 50. 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CYCLING: FIVE-TIMES TOUR DE FRANCE WINNER NOW HAS MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB

Induráin joins ranks of mere mortals

SIX days before Bastille Day, an unmistakable air of liberation hangs over the Tour de France. Yesterday, a time-trial up the mountains to Val d'Isère merely confirmed the revolution begun on the climb over the Col de Madeleine and up to Les Arcs the day before. Though the decline of their own champion, Laurent Jalabert, dampened French celebrations, Paris will no longer have to host a sixth procession led by Miguel Induráin.

Induráin will start the ninth stage today to Sestrière, another brute, 4min 53sec over the overall leader, Evgeni Berzin, in eleventh place, his hopes of a record-breaking sixth Tour win shattered by rivals who finally exposed a weakness in the Tour's greatest champion.

The deficit is not insuperable but, if the stage into Pamplona on July 17 is not to turn from a triumphant cavalcade into a funeral cortege, the Spaniard will need to respond swiftly to the challenge of old soldiers like Tony Rominger and Bjarne Riis and the young guns, Berzin, winner of the time-trial, and Peter Luttenberger. But attack has never been Big Mig's favoured form of defence.

Induráin did not suffer alone. The ambitions of the Once pair of Jalabert and Alex Zülle were blunted, the worst fears of Chris Boardman realised. Boardman recovered from a terrible battering on his Tour debut in the Alps with a highly creditable eighth in the time-trial but he is still half an hour adrift of the yellow jersey, his aims now limited to reaching Paris and winning one of the rolling stages between the Alps and the Pyrenees later this week.

To complete his anguish, Boardman returned to his room after the stage on Saturday to find that a watch worth £1,500, his wallet and wedding ring had been stolen from his suitcase. Ever the analyst, Boardman soothed his disappointment with science. His pulse was 152 flat out, he explained, 30 beats per minute below its normal maximum.

"I can see the potential for going better," he said, "but it's still a huge disappointment. I felt good at the start, then I just

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On the Tour de France

blew. We'll just have to see what we can salvage."

Stephane Heulot, his Gan team-mate, was also forced to abandon the race while wearing the yellow jersey because of tendinitis in his knee. "This has changed everything," Roger Legeay, the team manager of Gan, said.

If Induráin's reign is ended, the stage to Les Arcs on Saturday will be enshrined in Tour folklore. "A day of madness, magic and tragedy," read one headline in yesterday's French newspapers. But the battered remains of Johan Bruyneel's bicycle lying at the bottom of a ravine showed how much worse it could have been.

The Belgian's fall in heavy rain on the descent from the Cornet de Rosmeland was cushioned by a tree. "I felt like I was flying," the Belgian said later. "But I know I am lucky to be alive."

Since Greg LeMond cracked in the Pyrenees five years ago, Induráin has exerted an iron grip on the Tour, driving the French to distraction with his stifling invincibility and his unemotional response to each successive triumph. Whatever happened, Big Mig would be there, face stoic, legs like pistons, trampling on the soul of their precious *Grand Boucle*. Every year the cry became more desperate. When will Induráin give us our Tour back?

The rise to the plush ski resort of Les Arcs, a sweeping

ascent widely thought to be ideal for the big-beared rhythm of Big Mig, provided more than the glimpse of an answer.

As a helicopter shot captured the familiar figure trailing up the final two miles to the mountain-top finish and close-up shots revealed lines on his tanned face drawn with a clarity unseen before, mouth panting for breath in the mountain air, the voice of the commentator rose to a shriek.

"Induráin en difficulté, ooh la, la, la, la." The surprise could not conceal his delight at the suffering of a champion. Watching the drama unfold from the television monitors, the press gasped as one, Induráin in difficulty? It could not be.

The suggestion from the Banesto camp was that their champion, who earned a 22-second penalty for taking a drink from his team car within the last 20 miles, was dehydrated. However much that lapse smacked of desperation, there were still good judges prepared to believe that Induráin, as he has so often before, was simply letting his rivals burn themselves out. Not once did the Spaniard climb out of the saddle to thrash the pedals.

"I know Miguel," Pedro Delgado, Induráin's mentor, said. "He will be strong again." Maybe. But Induráin's psychological hold on the Tour has been broken for good. No longer are the rest racing for second place.

Sensing that Induráin's Banesto henchmen could be divided and their leader isolated, the other teams launched a series of damaging attacks through the 124-mile stage. Riis, then Udo Bolts, Dufaux, Virenque and, decisively, the stage-winner, Luc Leblanc, each chipped away at Induráin's spirit until nothing was left and, when he flagged, Olano, Rominger and Berzin showed no mercy. By the finish, Induráin had lost 4min 19sec.

In his five victories, Induráin has never had to claw back such a deficit nor overcome such confident opposition. Boardman might reflect he was not the only one who left Les Arcs without his rightful possessions.



Berzin extends his lead in the Tour de France during yesterday's time-trial

TOUR DETAILS

SEVENTH STAGE (Chambery to Les Arcs, 122mi): 1. L. Leblanc (Fr, Polt) 5h 47min 22sec; 2. T. Rominger (Switz, Mapel-GB) at 47sec; 3. P. Luttenberger (Austria, Cornet) at 52sec; 4. R. Virenque (Fr, Festina) same time; 5. L. Dufaux (Switz, Festina), same time; 6. A. Olano (Sp, Mapel-GB) same time; 7. B. Riis (Den, Telekom) at 55sec; 8. F. Escarot (Sp, Kelme) same time; 9. J. Urich (Ger, Telekom) same time; 10. P. Ugrumov (Lat, Gewiss) same time; 11. V. Berzin (Russ, Gewiss) same time; 12. L. Piepoli (It, Redi) at 2min 19sec; 13. B. Hamberg (Den, TMV) at 3:14; 14. A. Garment (Sp, Onco) at 3:28; 15. A. Zülle (Switz, Onco) at 3:28.

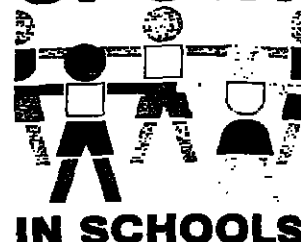
same time British: 47. C. Boardman (Gan) at 28:56; 142. M. Scandini (Motorola) at 37:24.
EIGHTH STAGE (Bourg-Saint-Maurice to Val d'Isère, 197mi): 1. Berzin 51min 53sec; 2. Riis at 55sec; 3. Olano, 4. Rominger 1:01; 5. M. Induráin (Sp, Banesto) at same time; 6. Urich 1:07; 7. P. Luttenberger 1:36; 8. Boardman 2:30; 9. Zülle 2:36; 10. U. Bolts (Ger, Telekom) 2:52; 11. Leblanc 3:02; 12. Virenque 3:25; 13. Garment 3:28; 14. Dufaux 3:31; 15. P. Jonker (Aus, Chon) 3:37; 16. J. Bruyneel (Bel, Rabobank) 3:41; 17. Ugrumov 3:45; 18. Escarot 3:48; 19. G. Guerra (It, Polt) 4:13; 20. M. Fernandez Gines (Sp, Mapel-GB) at 3:28.

426 British: 104. Scandini 9:12. Leading overall standings (after eight stages): 1. Berzin 41h 29min 46sec; 2. Riis at 43sec; 3. Olano at 5:45; 4. Rominger 1:08; 5. Urich 1:37; 6. Luttenberger 2:35; 7. Virenque 3:58; 8. Dufaux 4:08; 9. Ugrumov 4:25; 10. Escarot 4:50; 11. Induráin 4:53; 12. Zülle 5:06; 13. Garment 6:58; 14. Leblanc 7:27; 15. Hamberg 7:39; 16. Bolts 8:45; 17. V. Berzin (Russ, Rabobank) 9:41; 18. Piepoli 9:53; 19. Fernandez Gines 10:17; 20. Bruyneel 10:29. British: 39. Boardman 30:44; 72. Scandini 46:55.
TODAY: Ninth stage: Val d'Isère to Sestrière, Italy (118km).

Essex schools take honours in athletics cup

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

SPORT



IN SCHOOLS

If success in track and field is your aim, it probably pays to be educated in Essex. That much-maligned county may be better known for bad perms, boob tubes and boy-racer motorists but, on Saturday, Essex boys and girls dominated the TSB English Schools track and field cup final in Gateshead.

So it was that the spiritual home of British athletics — well, at least the backyard of Brendan Foster, Steve Cram, Jonathan Edwards *et al* — was forced to applaud a near-Exsex monopoly. It almost seemed on a par with West Ham United crossing the River Tyne and beating Newcastle United 3-1 at St James' Park.

Talking of football, there were plenty of Newcastle and Sunderland replica shirts on view as spectators cheered on the 48 teams vying for top honours. Those 48 had been invited only after a pruning process had whittled down an original entry of 2,125 teams from 750 schools.

Fitzwilliam School, Essex, took four teams up the M11 and A1 and were rewarded with victory in the intermediate (under-16) girls category, where they saw off strong challenges from St Hilda's, Liverpool, St Albans Girls School and Cooper's School, Upminster.

Essex pride in the junior (under-14) girls' sphere was sustained by Southend GS, who beat locals from Newcastle Central High in to second place.

Central High's brother school, Newcastle Royal Grammar, had, along with Ponteland High, nurtured high hopes in the male events, but, instead, the junior boys' tide went to Thomas More, from Wood Green, London, with Greensward School, Hockley, and William Edwards School, Grays, finishing second and third respectively.

Kentish honour was upheld by the intermediate boys, where Ravenswood School, Bromley, emerged trium-

phant, finishing in front of King Edward VI, from Aston, Birmingham.

On a day characterised by fitful, indifferent weather, the frustrating combination of sunny intervals and cloud-covered interludes were countered by some consistently pleasing athletic performances as each team member competed in two events from either track and field, field and relay, or track and relay. Their individual scores contributed to each side's overall result and standing.

All had slogged their way through several of those gruelling preliminary rounds and fully deserved a slice of the glamour inevitably associated with an appearance at Jonathan Edwards's home training ground and a leading British athletics venue.

Some competitors will, no doubt, be dreaming of emulating Edwards and aspiring to international status. Almost all are preparing to tune their televisions into BBC's Olympic coverage, ready to watch personal idols pursue glory in Atlanta. Perhaps by 2000, one or two might even be competing for Britain in Sydney.

Rather more immediately, several had a night on the Toon to look forward to. Indeed, that Essex contingent probably felt at home on celebrating on Saturday night. Wandering around Newcastle's trendy Bigg Market area after 7pm, the lasses are out in force, no doubt on the look out for boyfriends with go-faster stripes down the side of their cars.

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Motorola UK Paging Subscriber Division has also supplied members of the Olympic British Athletics team with Alphanumeric Pagers. Jamie Baulch, one of the 4x400m relay runners, is using his pager both for work and play, keeping himself in contact with fellow team mates, friends and family.

Alphanumeric Consumer Pagers are the latest way to keep in touch with no connection or call charges. They are fast becoming a lifestyle

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Jamie Baulch of the 4x400 British Olympic relay team, going for gold with his Motorola pager



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Sally Jones introduces her children to short-tennis, and meets some of the hopeful stars of the future

The road to the Centre Court, in short steps

With Wimbledon all but over, the tennis courts in every public park in the land are, for a week or two, crowded with would-be champions: from plump middle-aged chaps with ancient wooden Dunlop Maxplys, to seven-year-olds whacking spongy balls with plastic rackets.

For most, the craze is soon over and then the rackets go back in the cupboard for another year.

Since the early 1980s, however, a revolution has been taking place in schools, clubs and leisure centres, to encourage more youngsters to take up tennis via a simplified, cut-down version of the game, known as short-tennis.

It was in this game as a thin, determined eight-year-old that Tim Henman, the new British hero, won his first national championship. Since then it has brought in tens of thousands of children from non-tennis playing backgrounds and kept their interest as they progress from short-tennis to the real thing.

I decided to initiate my two children, five-year-old Roly and Madeline, three, at the beginning of the summer at our nearest venue, the picturesque Warwick Boat Club, beside Warwick Castle. The session, which attracted about a dozen children, aged between five and seven, was run by club members Sue Lennox and Gill Thorpe, whose own children started with short-tennis.

It seemed at first sight like a party game, with the youngsters split into two teams and sprinting backwards and forwards in noisily, highly-competitive potato races to improve their speed and agility, then scurrying up and down with the ball balanced on the racket.

Next, they stood in a circle, gently hitting a low-bouncing, pressureless ball with their small, loosely-strung rackets for the child opposite to catch at waist height after one bounce. The drill became slightly more complex when each receiver was asked to catch the ball on the face of the racket.

"At this stage," Lennox said, "we're simply trying to build up the children's hand-eye co-ordination — and giving them a lot of fun."

The fun element was never in doubt, even though Roly, in headstrong mood, insisted on demonstrating the "big front-hand" he had learnt in the



back garden, whacking the ball straight at the child opposite.

Lennox tactfully distracted him by enlisting his help in setting out the low nets, with their mobile posts and light netting across the two small rectangular courts, minus tramlines and simply divided down the middle.

After practising forehands and backhands in a group, the children formed two lines behind the baseline and were each fed a few groundstrokes, scoring one point for any shot that went over the net and two if it landed in court.

Even Madeline, swinging wildly at a gently-thrown ball, managed to hit a forehand for the first time and swelled with pride when she was awarded two points. By contrast, Lucy Tedstone and her friend Andrew Frost, both six, hardly missed a shot and after only a handful of sessions already looked capable of moving up into the more advanced group where the children begin to play simple games against one another.

"It's brilliant," Lucy said. "I love being in a group and playing lots of different games. My family are quite sporty and I can keep a rally going now — just about. I've made some new friends, too."

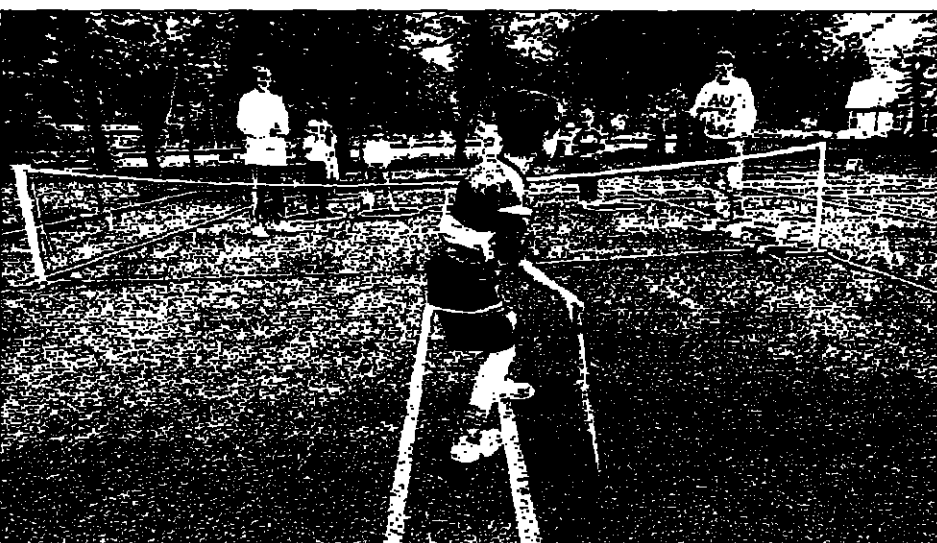
"I look forward to it every week," said William Homer, 5, another regular. "The first time I got a ball over the net I felt great."

Three children then stood inside hoops on the baseline of each court and tried to catch the groundstrokes hit by the children on the other side of the net. A catch after one bounce gave the catcher the right to change places with the hitter during this drill, which is designed to improve both accuracy and co-ordination.

Only Roly, thrilled to have played his first double-handed backhand on court, refused to change ends when caught



Tennis without tears... children at the net at Warwick Boat Club. To lessen the physical strain, nets are low, the court is reduced and rackets are loosely strung



Serving... children are involved in competition, but the emphasis is always on fun

"out" and insisted on being fed more groundstrokes, crowing with delight whenever he made contact.

By the end of the 45-minute session, the children reluctantly gathered up the scores of balls littering the court ("I want three balls in the box from everyone by the time I count ten"). The older children assembled for the more advanced session, several of them training for tournaments that give youngsters their first taste of competition well before they can master the basics of "proper" tennis.

To most youngsters, tennis itself is a frustratingly difficult game in the early stages. Even sustaining a rally is impossible without a modicum of skill and strength.

By contrast, short-tennis is a simple, accessible but realistic version of tennis and is growing rapidly in popularity. More than 200,000 children now play regularly and more than 70 per cent of the crop competing in the national age-group championships progressed to the full-scale game via short-tennis.

"Our kids here really love tennis," Lennox said. "They're so enthusiastic and several, including one of my sons, have gone on to area or county coaching in tennis itself."

As if to prove the point, Roly, as ever unhampered by false modesty, accosted the biggest eight-year-old in the advanced group. "I'm good at tennis," he announced proudly. "I think I'll stay on and play with you."

MAKING A START IN SHORT-TENNIS



SHORT-TENNIS was developed in Sweden in the 1970s and was so successful in channelling a crop of accomplished young tennis players into tennis proper that it rapidly spread to the rest of Europe. It is now an important breeding ground for future champions. The LTA introduced it with a pilot scheme in 1980 and then broadened it to the whole country the following year.

Many clubs, schools and leisure centres run short-tennis sessions for children, aged between about five and nine. They will need pumps or trainers and loose-fitting clothing,

usually T-shirts and shorts or tracksuits, but most centres do not insist on white clothes and will usually lend a suitable mini racket, until the child acquires his own (these can cost from £15). Dozens of low-pressure balls for the drills and games are also supplied.

Sessions, which are usually open to non-members and vary between 45 minutes and an hour in length, can cost up to £2 per child, although many are far cheaper than this.

Warwick Boat Club offers a course of ten sessions for £6 and has recruited dozens of children from non tennis-playing backgrounds as a result.

To find out where your nearest centres are, contact: Short-Tennis Department, The LTA, Queen's Club, West Kensington, London W14 9EG (0171-381 7059).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Paul Hackett's team convincingly won their Premier league match against Sowter. This hand was a rare gain for Sowter. How do you think South managed to go down in Six Spades?

Dealer South	Love all	IMPs
♠ J 10 9 5 ♥ A K 10 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ K Q 7 5 2	♠ A 8 4 ♥ 9 7 4 3 ♦ K J 10 8 ♣ 9 4	♠ 10 9 8 5 ♥ A K 10 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ K Q 7 5 2

Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead: three of diamonds

Tony Forrester won the lead in dummy and continued with the jack of spades. When that held the trick he thought he might have caught East napping. He continued with a diamond ruff, a club to the king, the ace of hearts and another diamond ruff. He then crossed to dummy with a club, leaving this position:

♠ 10 9 8 5 ♥ A K 10 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ K Q 7 5 2	♠ A 8 4 ♥ 9 7 4 3 ♦ K J 10 8 ♣ 9 4	♠ 10 9 8 5 ♥ A K 10 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ K Q 7 5 2
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By now the defence's carding had convinced Forrester that West had length in diamonds. In that case, if the trumps were 2-2, East was more likely to have the queen of hearts.

So Forrester decided to play East for having started with ace doubleton of spades. He played a club — that would only cost if East had started with two and had A x of spades left. If the club had held up, Forrester planned to put East in with a second spade to lead into the heart tenace, or give a ruff and discard.

Alas, East ruffed and Forrester was one down — a feat that only a top-class player could have accomplished. Forrester might have reflected that if East had been looking at A x of spades and the queen of hearts, he would have risen on the first round of spades to avoid the endplay. Senior said Forrester had only played that way to get his name in the papers. Well, he's succeeded, hasn't he?

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SEMIBOUSY
a. Half drunk
b. A short blouse
c. A hiccup

SCHADON
a. The jambi caesura
b. A bee larva
c. A musical tailing-off

SMITHAM
a. A fine particle
b. A forge
c. A charlock

SOULE
a. A joint
b. A shoemaker's anvil
c. A pedestal

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KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Manchester win

The team from Manchester Grammar School has won this year's Times British Schools chess championship. They defeated their co-finalists Maidstone Grammar School by the score of 3.5 to 2.5 in the final held on Friday at London's Charing Cross Hotel. Results of the third place play-off and games from both matches will appear in subsequent articles.

Never say die

By drawing game 15 and winning game 16, Gata Kamsky has kept his slim chances alive in the Fide world championship.

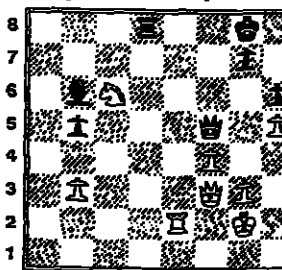
White: Gata Kamsky
Black: Anatoly Karpov

Fide world championship
Elista, Game 16, July 1996

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Bb7
5	b3	Bd4+
6	Bd2	Be7
7	Bg2	c6
8	Bc1	Ne7
9	Ne5	Nd7
10	Nxd7	Nxd7
11	Nd2	O-O
12	O-O	Rc8
13	e4	c5
14	exd5	exd5
15	de5	de4
16	c6	cxb3
17	Re1	Bb5
18	axb3	Bxc6
19	Bxc6	Rxc6
20	Ra7	Bb6
21	Nc4	Bxc3
22	Rxd7	Qf6
23	Re4	Cf5
24	Rf4	Qe6

Diagram of final position



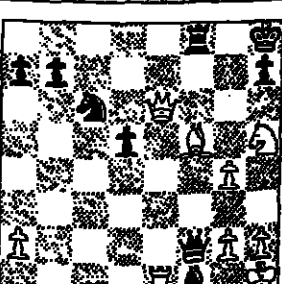
On move 20 Black could have played 20... Rxc3 but then 21 Nbl Rxc3 22 Rxc7 Qxc7 23 Rxc7 gives White the advantage. Interestingly, Karpov admitted to having analysed this variation before the game up to the 25th move, concluding that the position was equal. However, in his pre-game analysis Karpov had overlooked the combination 25 Rxd7 and if 25... Rxf7 26 Qd8+ forcing checkmate.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Berg — Nordstrom, Norway 1978. In this position, Black has a terrible threat of mate by playing ... Qxg2 next move. White has no good way to defend against this and so must resort to a swift attack himself. What did he play?



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At full speed ahead

The cyclist and runner Josie Heffernan is on top of the world



Heffernan trains with her daughter Emily

There seems no end to the talents of Josie Heffernan. A former competitor in the world cycling championships, she is now a veteran long-distance runner of rare distinction.

She trains for both sports while juggling four part-time jobs with four children. Josie, 45, is also a member of Christians in Sport.

She was the second runner home in the world 25 kilometre road race in Bruges ten days ago, having been inspired to return to athletics when a member of The Times team for the 1994 London Marathon. It was the team spirit of that event — when the newspaper picked two teams, one advised by Chris Brasher and the other by Mel Barry, from more than 500 applicants — that once again had Heffernan out on the roads. However, this time she was running, not cycling.

Her background on her bike has unquestionably helped her in athletics. "When I was 14 there was a clash between a cycling race and an inter-schools athletics event. My Dad told me that I had to make up my mind between the two. I opted for cycling."

Josie rode for Britain in four world championships. After giving birth to her first two children, Neil, 17, and Mark, 14, she tried triathlon in the 1980s but suffered so

badly from hypothermia in the swim section that she got pleurisy. "I was so ill that I thought I was going to die." Triathlon has subsequently allowed wet-suits to be used.

When she and her husband, Steve, a bronze medal-

winner in the professional pursuit at the world cycling championships, moved to Seer Green in Buckinghamshire five years ago, she was too busy working as a teacher and bringing up her two youngest children, Naomi, 8,

and Emily, 6, to do any exercise.

She says: "I was getting unhappy with myself. Then came the chance of running the London Marathon. To be honest, I did not do enough distance work and hated the second half."

However, she still had enough talent to ensure that she did 3hr 45min. "I was also determined that having got to that level I was not going to give up. I wanted to do shorter distances, like 10 kilometres."

She kept training between her varied jobs as a youth worker, a gymnastics coach for under-fives, a schools liaison officer for the Persil Fun Fit scheme and an administrator for the Children's Christmas training programme.

Two weeks ago, she ran at the world veterans championships in Bruges, both in the ten-kilometre road race, in which she finished sixth in her age category, recording 38min 33sec, and then, the next day, in the 25 kilometres, when she did 1hr 43min 02sec.

"I was overwhelmed by my performance, but I was dying towards the end," she said. "I felt as if I was standing still." It is not an experience that someone as active as Josie often feels.

JOHN GOODBODY

BOXING: RETIREMENT TALK PREMATURE DESPITE LISTLESS DISPLAY

Benn lacks conviction in and out of the ring

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE position of Nigel Benn as a serious world contender was in some doubt after his challenge for Steve Collins's World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title in Manchester on Saturday.

Immediately after the bout ended in the fourth round, because Benn was unable to continue as a result of an ankle injury, he announced that he was retiring.

It was reminiscent of his defeat by Thulane Malinga, of South Africa, in Newcastle, when Benn retired immediately after the contest and came back the next day. This time his change of mind, or rather, half change of mind, came just 20 minutes later.

He told the full house of 20,000 at the Nymex Arena and viewers of Sky Television: "I think this is it for me. Thanks to all my fans but I know when I have to stop."

Then, after a shower and brush-up, he told the press: "My fiancée wants me to retire, my dad wants me to

retire. I will go home and think about it. I know I can beat him. They say I'm finished but I still have a lot of fight left in me."

There was no urgent reaction when a rematch was mentioned, nor did Frank Warren, the promoter, attempt to draw him out on the subject. "I'm not going to ask him to fight," Warren said. "If he wants to fight, he must decide."

Benn continued: "My fiancée, Caroline, is expecting twins. That means a lot to me, more than fighting. I'm going to sit down and think about it. When the babies are born I would like to be the champion. We'll talk and think and if, at the end of it, I do retire, I can say what a blinding career I've had and I shouldn't feel sad."

It was strange to see a fighter who likes nothing better than a "tear up" hesitating about his next move, but it would be surprising if he did not come back. He received

£800,000 for his night's work. The 20,000 spectators who had cheered him wildly would return to see him pick up another £800,000 or so. But even Benn will have to do better next time to keep their allegiance. As Benn himself said: "If you go out a loser, you are soon forgotten."

His performance was the worst of his career. It was

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sloppy and lacked purpose. When he turned his ankle, the excruciating pain seemed to wipe out all desire of becoming a world champion again. He accepted the mishap without a murmur. His boxing had no co-ordinating strategy. He was fighting on instinct. He resorted to wild swings which set up attacks and, time after time, found himself in a wrestling match. Twice he missed and fell over.

I made the first two rounds

even and gave Benn the third. The judges did not give Benn a round. In the third, he caught Collins with four solid punches, two rights and two lefts. Even though the punches seemed to have little effect on the champion, the contest was just beginning to develop.

The champion said afterwards that he did not feel the punches. When his cornermen cautioned him against fighting Benn's fight he said: "He is not hurting me at all. I'm enjoying it. I'm going to go out and knock him out."

Benn appeared to be winning the fourth when he swung round with a punch and went down on his right ankle. There was no count as he had not gone down from any blow. Benn got up and tried in vain to put his weight on that foot in order to be able to ward off the blows that Collins was now piling in. Then, suddenly, Benn turned his back on Collins, waved his arms in the air and limped off back to his corner.



Collins, the champion, has Benn in trouble during the truncated world title bout in Manchester on Saturday

Grand design wins battle for Leeds United

By JASON NISSE

LAST Tuesday afternoon, the four-man board of Leeds United met to decide which one of three offers for the FA Carling Premiership club should be accepted. Would it be the media minnows, Caspian, the Le Coq Sportif group, Conrad, or, coming in with a bid as late as a tackle by Vinnie Jones, the Norwegian fish giants, Resource Group International (RGI)? In the end, Caspian, the long-time favourite, got the nod, but the losers feel that the bid process left more than a little to be desired.

The deal has yet to go through, but, with the outgoing Leeds chairman, Leslie Silver, and incoming Leeds chairman, Bill Fotherby, accepting the deal, Caspian is assured of 79 per cent of the club's shares. The 250 minority shareholders in Leeds can either like it or lump it.

The trouble is that Caspian

George Graham, and is still shunned by Fifa, football's world governing body, he would not be that popular at the Football Association.

Yet what reason was there to run down Conrad's offer, especially as the company was promising to put another £15 million or so into Leeds? It appears that Silver and Fotherby were dazzled by the grand designs and vision of the Caspian chairman, Chris Akers.

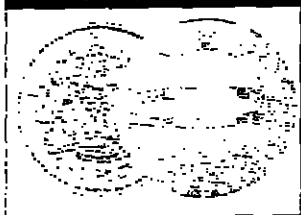
Akers, 31, is a City whiz-kid who made his name brokering cable television and sporting rights deals. He wants to turn Leeds into the sort of sporting club that exists in Barcelona and is planned by Sir John Hall at Newcastle, but with added multimedia, leisure and retailing ideas. The concept is for you to turn off the motorway into Elland Road on any day of the week and find entertainment — be it football, ice hockey, basketball, rugby league, the cinema, a disco, a bowling alley or even Gary Barlow in concert.

To do this, Akers needs money. Leeds's turnover in the 1995-96 season was £18.8 million, of which £8.6 million came from gate receipts and the rest largely from merchandising and television rights. Thanks to the new deal with BSkyB (40 per cent owned by News International, which owns *The Times*) this income is set to soar to more than £25 million this year and well in excess of £30 million in 1997-98.

There is a break clause in the BSkyB deal that will allow clubs to negotiate their own pay-per-view television deals come the summer of 1999. According to some quite excitable research, this could lead to annual income of more than £2 billion for the Premiership — or an average of £100 million each for the individual clubs. With TelePiù in Italy and Canal Plus in France launching pay-per-view football coverage this year, this revolution is not so far away.

It is easy to see how Akers's vision tempted Silver and co. The trouble is they did just the sort of under-the-cover deal that has haunted football over the years. A deal that heralds a new era with one of the last hurrahs of the old.

THE BUSINESS OF SPORT



is offering only £16.5 million for Leeds. This looks cheap given that Manchester United is worth more than £230 million. Tottenham Hotspur is priced at £100 million and, after admitting its flotation intentions last week, Newcastle United is looking at a valuation of more than £100 million. It seems especially cheap once you know that Conrad offered £20 million for Leeds and RGI, which owns another football club, Molde, in Norway, is claiming that it offered £30 million (though this figure is disputed by Leeds insiders).

One can hardly blame Leeds for turning RGI away. Whereas the other two bidders had talked for weeks and delivered lots of documents, RGI turned up with one sheet of paper and a chap called Rune Hauge. As he was the agent who was so generous to the former Arsenal manager,



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Interims: Olim Convertible Trust.
 Finals: British Bloodstock.
 Economic statistics: UK Confederation of British Industry June distributive trades survey, US June producer prices index, US retail sales, US June Atlanta Fed survey, French June provisional consumer prices index.

COMPANIES

KAREN ZAGOR

Dixons plugs into soaring profits



Francis Baron of First Choice, which is gearing up for a summer holiday price war

DIXONS GROUP: The future looks bright for Dixons, the electrical goods retailer that owns Dixons, Currys, PC World and The Link mobile phone chain. Brokers are expecting healthy profits when the group turns in its full-year results on Wednesday.

Dixons's interim result have already revealed that the group weathered the all-important Christmas selling season in good shape. Growth has been particularly strong at PC World, where NatWest Securities has forecast a 24 per cent jump in like-for-like sales to £225 million for the year. The group is about to embark on a £100 million expansion programme over two years, led by PC World and The Link, creating up to 4,000 new jobs.

Pre-tax profits are expected to soar 38 per cent to £138 million with earnings per share rising to 23.2p from 16.6p. The net dividend is expected to show a 7.2 per cent rise to 8.5p.

The projections take into account the fact that Dixons is facing lower margins on warranties. Over the past year, the company has come under sustained criticism over its extended warranties, which have been very lucrative for the group.

JOHN MENZIES: The bleaker side of retailing is expected to be at the fore when John Menzies reports its full-year results on Tuesday. Analysts at SBC Warburg are expecting pre-tax profits to decline to £35 million from £38.1 million in 1995. Predicted earnings per share stand at 40p, down from 44.6p. The dividend, however, is expected to rise to 13.8p from 13.2p.

The erosion will come as little surprise. In January, when the retailer and newspaper distributor reported its interim figures, it gave warning that the full-year performance would disappoint. At the time, the company blamed the erosion on less profitable contracts with publishers.

Looking ahead, Menzies stands to benefit from new Nintendo hardware, as Menzies has an exclusive contract with Nintendo. But the company is facing the threat of supermarkets moving into the profitable area of magazine retailing.

TOMKINS: The market has high hopes for an improvement at the industrial conglomerate in

the wake of Tomkins's \$1.4 billion acquisition of Gates, the privately owned US automotive and industrial components group. Any change, however, will come too late to affect Tomkins's full-year earnings, which are due out today. Analysts were disappointed when Tomkins issued a forecast of pre-tax profits in the £320 million range. UBS is looking for pre-tax profits of £323 million, up

7 per cent, with similar gains in earnings per share to 18.7p. Dividends are expected to rise 15 per cent to 9.95p. The results reflect a grim winter in North America, which had a particularly negative impact on sales at Murray, its lawnmower manufacturer.

STANLEY LEISURE: The popularity of the National Lottery is

taking its toll on Stanley Leisure, Britain's fourth-biggest bookmaker, which reports its full-year figures on Wednesday. At the half-way mark, pre-tax profits were down nearly 20 per cent at £6.1 million. Analysts are looking for profits of about £14.5 million for the full year, with earnings per share in the 18p to 18.6p range and dividends of about 6.5p. Last year the hot summer kept punters out of the betting shops. This year the company should benefit from wetter weather, a one-point drop in betting tax and the introduction of fruit machines into betting shops.

FIRST CHOICE: With the holiday price wars for summer 1997 already heating up, First Choice, the third biggest package holiday company, is expected to post an interim loss of about £28 million.

Tour operators traditionally dip into the red in the first half, when they spend heavily in the hopes of recouping their losses during the summer. First Choice, which is owned by Thomas Cook and whose chief executive is Francis Baron, had a rough ride in the year to October when pre-tax profits tumbled to £1.3 million from £16.3 million a year earlier. Profits were hurt by the huge discounts needed to lure travellers away from competitors.

First Choice may find that this year's wet summer will drive more families abroad, but the unseasonably early price-war does not bode well.

MATTHEW CLARK: When the drinks group reports its full-year profits on Wednesday, analysts will be looking to see how successful Matthew Clark has been in integrating Taunton Cider, which it acquired last year. They are looking for pre-tax profits ranging from £23 million to £30 million, but the figures will be distorted by extraordinary items. Excluding exceptional items, the City expects operating earnings per share of about 46.4p, with dividends of 23p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Clarke likely to cut forecast

The centrepiece of the British economic calendar this week is tomorrow's summer forecast from the Treasury, the economic assumptions of which will provide the backdrop to the Budget in November. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is widely expected to revise down his forecast for growth this year from 3 per cent and to raise his projection for public borrowing. The new growth forecast will be between 2.5 per cent and 2.75 per cent, while the PSBR could be revised up to £28 billion from £22.5 billion. Inflation for end-1996 is likely to be unchanged at 2.5 per cent.

Before the summer forecast come two important releases today. Producer prices data are expected to show a continued drop in industry's costs and prices. Input prices are expected to have fallen 0.5 per cent in June, giving a fall against a year ago of 0.3 per cent, according to the consensus of market forecasts compiled by MMS International. Output prices are expected to have fallen 0.1 per cent, taking the year-on-year rate down to 2.7 per cent from 2.9 per cent. Industrial production figures are expected to show a small rise of 0.2 per cent in both total production and in manufacturing output.

On Thursday, the latest distributive trades survey from the CBI is released as well as June retail price inflation figures. Headline inflation is forecast to be flat, pushing the annual rate down to 2.1 per cent from 2.2 per cent in May. The underlying rate of inflation is forecast to fall to 2.7 per cent from 2.8 per cent, and RPI, the measure which excludes both mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes, is expected to be unchanged at 2.3 per cent.

Overseas, there will be interest in US retail sales and producer prices figures on Friday and German unemployment figures tomorrow. The Bundesbank council meets on Thursday, but is not expected to alter rates.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Vardon, SIG, ML Laboratories; Sell Eurotherm, The Observer, Buy Dixons, Zeneca; Sell Rank, Allied Domecq, Caradon, P&O, BAA, The Sunday Telegraph: Buy CRI, Great Universal Stores, Forward Technology Industries, Reg Vardy, Newman Tonks, Dixons; Property Trust, Sunday Express: Buy HTV

Issues that could spoil the party

The gilt market has had a good run recently. Since the lows associated with the initial impact of the mad cow problem, the trend has been quite decisively up. Looked at as the spread over German bunds — the way in which most European bonds are judged these days — the UK Government has seen the cost of its funding fall from about a 1.9 per cent premium over bunds to around 1.5 per cent currently. One factor has been a switch of focus from political issues and back to good old-fashioned economics. Inflation has stayed low, interest rates have fallen further and economic growth

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has slowed to something seen to be below trend. The level of government borrowing has, at times, caused concern, but the overshoot has, from a market perspective, been kept within reasonable bounds.

Indeed, when the Chancellor presents half-yearly economic forecasts this week, he will have quite an upbeat story to tell. True, he will have to revise the growth forecast down and the PSBR forecast up for this year, but, for next year, he will doubtless say, with some justification, that

stronger growth will tend to ensure that the trend in the PSBR is down. For this year and next, the inflation target is expected to be achieved.

What has been going on has not been just a domestically-driven economic story. International investors have been seeking value in bond markets and chasing those that have tended to yield above-average returns. At various times, Italy, Spain and Sweden have been the flavour of the month. The UK has, somewhat belatedly, joined in

the spread-narrowing that has been a feature of the high-yielders so far this year.

Perhaps surprisingly, political risk has not been a deterrent to overseas investors. There are a variety of explanations. Kenneth Clarke has given assurances that he will not go for the traditional pre-election tax or interest-rate cuts. Although a small pinch of salt may be required, a "scorched earth" policy is not on the cards. The Labour Party is not the threat it once was. And with John Major indicating his intention to run the full term, a general election may still be almost a year away.

It may seem churlish, when much seems to be going right, to identify what could go wrong. However, two issues loom and have the potential to spoil the party at some stage.

The first is the UK's economic performance. There are clear signs that activity is picking up again. Witness growth in narrow money, consumer credit, house prices and earnings. To talk of a return of the "feel-good" factor may be to overstate the case, but stronger growth in consumers' expenditure is on the cards.

What that means is that towards the end of this year, and going into next, growth in the economy is more likely to be above trend than below and there will be (modest) upward pressure on inflation and even more pressure to raise interest rates. However, prudent Mr Clarke is likely to be, to expect him to raise interest rates before a general election is to expect too much.

Strong growth, rising house prices and expectations of slightly higher inflation may be good for a Government looking to get re-elected, but are bad news for the gilt market, and monetary policy could effectively be on hold at a crucial time in the economic cycle. Whoever wins the next general election is probably going to have to put interest rates up — and the longer the delay, the higher they will eventually need to go.

The other issue is the general election itself — far enough away to be ignored to a large degree at the moment, but getting closer by the day. Come autumn, the political temperature at Westminster will have soared and every shift in the opinion polls will make headlines. The gilt market has a history of reacting to elections surprisingly close to the event. It may be different this time, but not completely different. Some risk is bound to be factored into gilt prices.

JOHN SHEPHERD AND NIGEL RICHARDSON

Coalfield job creator helped 130,000

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE job-creation arm of British Coal helped more than 130,000 people to find work in areas hit by the decline of the mining industry over the past 12 years, its final annual report shows today.

More than 60,000 redundant miners found a new job because of British Coal Enterprise, which has built a number of industrial and office units in mining

towns and villages to attract new businesses. Almost 55,000 jobs were created by the company's business-funding arm, which gave loans, and another 16,000 jobs came from the industrial and office units.

Philip Andrew, chief executive, said: "We have made a real and lasting contribution to the long-term regeneration of Britain's coalfield areas."

The organisation was formed in 1984, at the time of the year-long miners' strike,

with the aim of creating 100,000 jobs in ten years.

It invested £101 million in more than 5,300 job-creating projects, which in turn attracted a further £730 million from other sources, including banks.

BCE's business-funding and external outplacement divisions have now been sold to management buyouts and the sale of its workspace activity is imminent.

GROUPE PARIBAS

Purchase offer for Compagnie Financière Ottomane by VALEURS ET RENDEMENTS SA

The Luxembourg Stock Exchange authorities, have been advised that VALEURS ET RENDEMENTS SA, a Luxembourg registered company, is launching its public offer, guaranteed by Compagnie Financière de Paribas and to be implemented by a guaranteed price (OPA), to purchase 100% of the shares of Compagnie Financière Ottomane (CFO, a Luxembourg registered company), 50.1% being held by the public and the balance by companies within Groupe Paribas. This offer is made at a price of FRF 350 per share, FRF 402,660 per Founders' share and FRF 40,266 per 1/10th of a Founders' share. Shares can be presented by the shareholders of CFO from 8 July to 2 August 1996 inclusive:

a) on the Stock Exchanges of London, Luxembourg and Paris through an intermediary. On the Paris Stock Exchange, sale expenses will be borne by the buyer in accordance with the scale given in the information memorandum.

b) if bearer ordinary shares, Founders' shares and 1/10ths of Founders' shares:

- in London, to Barclays Bank, 8 Angel Court, Throgmorton Street, London EC2R 7HT;
- in Luxembourg, to Banque Paribas, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg;

in Paris, bearer shares should be sold on the market through an intermediary.

c) as regards registered shares:

- in London, to Independent Registrars Group, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4TU;
- in Luxembourg, to Banque Paribas Luxembourg, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg;

in Paris, the shares should be sold through an account holding intermediary after having been registered with Sicovam.

Settlement will be made in Sterling in London and French Francs in Luxembourg.

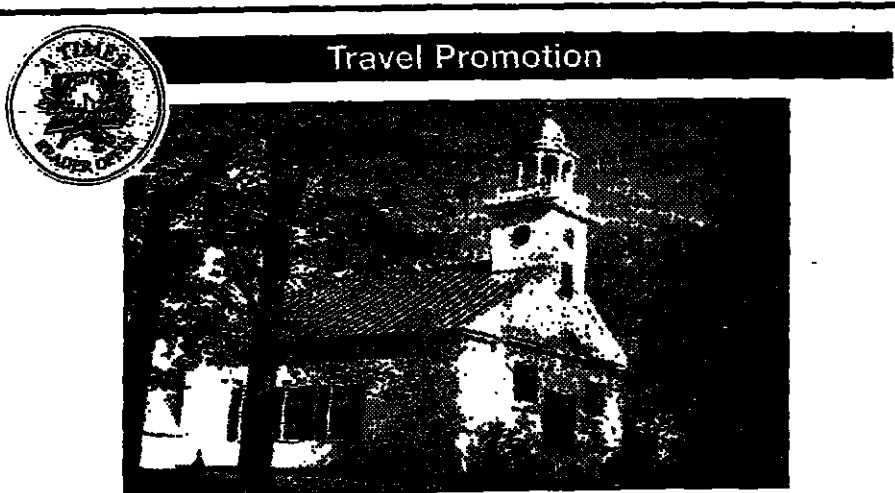
This offer to purchase follows the sale by CFO of its sole operational activity, Osmanli Bankasi, to the Garanti Bankasi Group on 25 June 1996. CFO now holds only a portfolio of liquid assets, trade investments and a building in Paris.

The price offered by VALEURS ET RENDEMENTS SA for the shares is 40% higher than the weighted average price on the daily market at the Paris stock exchange during the three months preceding announcement of this operation in May last. It is 17% above the market price on the day preceding this announcement. For Founders' shares and 1/10ths of Founders' shares, the price proposed is 205% higher than the weighted average on the unquoted market of the Paris stock exchange during the 12 months preceding the announcement. The offer represents 97% of the revealed net assets of the company as at 31 May 1996 which total FRF 360 per share.

The board of directors of CFO, having considered the offer and possible alternative courses of action, concluded that on balance and in all the circumstances, it would be in the interests of shareholders to accept the price proposed of FRF 350 per share. Only the independent directors took part in this vote. Furthermore, Salustro Reydel and Robson Rhodes, appointed as independent experts, have concluded that they have no comment on the price offered to shareholders.

An information memorandum is available:

- in Paris at Banque Paribas, 3 rue d'Antin, 75002 Paris;
- in Luxembourg at Banque Paribas Luxembourg, 10A Boulevard Royal, L-2093 Luxembourg;
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THE TIMES

Liquidators attacked over BCCI payouts

BY ROBERT MILLER

LIQUIDATORS of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), which crashed five years ago with debts of \$10 billion, have been criticised for failing to pay out compensation.

Keith Vaz, the MP for Leicester East who has campaigned on behalf of depositors and former BCCI employees, said he was calling on John Major to intervene personally to secure a speedy settlement for creditors.

Speaking on the anniversary of the bank's failure, Mr Vaz said the crash of BCCI had generated fees worth some \$285.6 million up to January this year for Deloitte & Touche, the bank's liquidator, and Lovell White and Durant, its lawyer. A spokesman for Deloitte & Touche declined to comment.

The Labour MP added that the principle shareholder in BCCI, the Sheikh of Abu Dhabi, had earlier this year paid the liquidators compensation of \$1.55 billion as part of a total package that will top \$1.8 billion.

There are 250,000 BCCI creditors worldwide, 38,000 of whom are based in the UK. The Deposit Protection Scheme, administered by the Bank of England, has paid out £78 million in compensation to 16,000 depositors. The Bank initially identified 53,000 sterling accounts, but only 40,000 left contact addresses, and in the end only 16,000 claimed.

The BCCI collapse also sparked the largest investigation and prosecution file yet undertaken by the Serious Fraud Office.

The investigation has so far resulted in four convictions, including that of Syed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, head of the bank's overseas treasury division, who was extradited from France and sentenced to six years in prison in September 1993. He pleaded guilty to 16 specimen charges of false accounting totalling \$740 million between 1982 and 1986.

In September, the SFO will bring another BCCI-related case to court against Abbas Gokal, chairman of the Gulf Group, over allegations of fraud and false accounting. One charge mentions \$1.2 billion, the largest single sum ever used in an indictment against an individual.



Vaz plea to John Major

Pressure eased in gas battle

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BRITISH GAS has delayed invoking part of the Gas Act to free it from price controls in a move that may ease tension between the company and the regulator over pricing plans for TransCo, the pipelines operation.

TransCo had asked for a price-control disapplication from July 1 next year to put pressure on the regulator to announce her controls. Present price controls expire next April and the disapplication plea meant that if no revised price formula were agreed by then, the business would be free to trade unregulated. The timeframe allowed for the regulator to make proposals, and have a month's consultation with the company, and then for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to judge the issue.

However, TransCo has now put back the disapplication date after Ofgas said that it may need more time. It has been set for September 6.

Ogas has already delayed by three weeks unveiling final proposals for TransCo after initial ones angered the company. The latest date the industry is thought to be working towards is July 23, but the disapplication date gives Ofgas breathing space into August.



Dean Miles, front, of Retail Broadcast Services, and Tim O'Neill at the launch of Gfm

Granada's motorway radio link goes on air

BY JON ASHWORTH

GRANADA has launched Gfm, its own digital satellite radio station, as part of a revamp of UK motorway service stations. The service, beamed to 39 sites from central London, provides Capital Radio-style news and music to an annual audience of more than 100 million.

The station went "live" last week, bringing 24-hour news, music and product information to Granada forecourts and cafeterias. About 274,000 people pass through Granada service stations each day.

Tim O'Neill, marketing director of Granada Hospitality, said: "We were looking for something different to communicate more effectively with customers and add value to our service stations. The overall environment of our service stations has improved, with CD-quality music, and news and information."

Gfm is run by Retail Broadcast Services (RBS), which provides a similar service to store groups such as Sainsbury's and B&S. Granada's listeners benefit from AA Roadwatch bulletins tailored to a particular stretch of motorway, while DJs draw attention to particular Granada products on sale. An additional screen-based service carries news updates and product information. The station's format changes through the day.

Granada Hospitality has spent about £250,000 upgrading speaker systems at its sites. Much of the work has been devoted to a showpiece service station on the M6 at Stafford, opened in April, at a cost of £19 million.

Society chief waives bonus

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

BRIAN DAVIS, chief executive of Nationwide Building Society, the second largest, saw his pay rise from £286,000 to £337,000 in the year to April. His salary included an annual bonus of £39,000 and a

medium-term bonus of £73,000. However, Dr Davis chose to waive total bonuses of £45,000, a decision he also took in 1995 when he waived bonuses of £68,000.

Dr Davis took over the top job in July 1994, which means that his earnings for that year

included only nine months' pay as chief executive.

In February the Nationwide, which is pledged to retain its mutual status, launched a mutually reward package, returning £200 million in profits to savers and borrowers.

Eight new issues

IT MAY be a fraction of the size of the Stock Exchange, but last week, the Alternative Investment Market opened the main exchange by attracting eight new issues to the latter's five.

AFA Systems, which floated on Wednesday at 120p, showed that a company whose sales date back only four months can still win the confidence of AIM investors, encouraged by the record of its management. It ended the week at 136p. Other

trading was relatively quiet, says Julian Palfreyman, a trader at Winterflood Securities. As the financial half-year approaches, fund managers are traditionally more reluctant to spend to keep within the limits of the balance book.

This week is likely to keep up the momentum of new issues. Podrum, a foods com-

pany, is being placed at 3p today, which will make the shares the cheapest on the market. Drings, a Bath stone mason, floated at 3p on Friday and achieved a premium of 1p. Traders expect Podrum to follow suit.

Cirqual, the aluminium and thermoplastics group which floats today at 12p, has more than one reason to

be grateful for the £5.8 million it is raising. By pushing the stake of its largest shareholder to below 50 per cent, the group has satisfied the criteria which allow investors to claim tax relief on capital gains made on its shares. This puts Cirqual on a different level of liquidity, attracting more private investors and catching the attention of the venture capital trusts.

FRASER NELSON

1996							1995						
High	Low	Mkt cap (million)	Price	Wtd %	Yld %	P/E	High	Low	Mkt cap (million)	Price	Wtd %	Yld %	P/E
136	132	13.60	AFA Systems	136	117	3	125	103	0.35	Just Group Wts	2	125	103
134	109	16.70	AMCO Corp	117	45	+ 3	125	103	0.35	Just Group Wts	2	125	103
58	18	2.45	Abacus Recruit	115	45	- 7	180	151	50.10	La Sena	151	- 2	151
161	115	26.70	Active Imaging	146	45	- 7	180	137	26.20	Lanshane En	145	3.4	11.7
210	123	31.00	Ad of Grady	210	180	210	300	210	15.20	Lawrence	250	- 10	0.8
20	7	15.70	African Gold	19	3750	2550	3150	250	69.30	La Riche Group	285	+ 300	2.5
21	13	7.05	Albermarle & Bd	19	290	255	3150	250	69.30	La Riche Group	285	+ 300	2.5
24	15	7.87	Alpha Omikron	19	15	- 1	390	355	47.30	La Riche Group	285	+ 300	2.5
470	380	45.00	Ann S. Browne	470	470	+ 15	470	380	45.00	London Asia Pte	285	+ 300	2.5
965	885	5.72	Ann S. C. P. P.	965	965	5	470	380	45.00	London Asia Pte	285	+ 300	2.5
121	73	51.90	Antony	121	73	- 2	360	200	11.70	Marx & Marc S	108	- 5	2.3
9	9	1.89	Arco Props	9	9	1	25	15	10.80	Marx & Marc S	108	- 5	2.3
141	88	22.50	Asi Central	140	140	- 1	125	108	13.00	Mart & O'ses	108	- 5	2.3
63	55	1.14	Athletey Trust	63	63	1	117	110	2.51	Mart & O'ses	108	- 5	2.3
6	5	7.72	Ballymore	63	63	1	125	108	13.00	Mart & O'ses	108	- 5	2.3
26	17	5.90	Baris Hedges	26	26	- 1	99	79	2.51	Mart & O'ses	108	- 5	2.3
46	43	4.12	Bellco	46	46	+ 3	113	86	6.96	Mart & O'ses	108	- 5	2.3
150	140	0.99	Bowman Leis	145	145	1	475	75	45.00	Memory Corp	77	18	2.8
70	70	0.15	Bowman Leis	70	70	1	51	77	45.00	Memory Corp	77	18	2.8
503	240	54.70	Brancato Hedges	503	240	1	235	156	15.60	Moorpark	205	2.7	21.0
124	116	12.50	CA Coats Hedges	124	116	1	200	87	7.80	Mountshale	103	5	21.0
120	116	0.94	CCI Hedges	118	118	1	203	150	29.70	Multibury Group	190	- 5	21.0
110	110	0.13	CCI Founder Shs	110	110	1	190	87	10.90	Multibury Group	190	- 5	21.0
213	95	5.23	Calderdale	183	183	- 2	18	18	1.32	NECA	150	- 5	21.0
75	55	7.39	Calderdale	183	183	- 2	240	285	21.00	NFWF Corp	288	2.8	13.9
3	2	3.00	Capital & Wain	3	2	1	210	115	13.70	NFWF Corp	288	2.8	13.9
96	68	13.00	Cardiff	80	80	- 1	210	115	13.70	NFWF Corp	288	2.8	13.9
108	93	16.00	Cardiff	80	80	- 1	210	115	13.70	NFWF Corp	288	2.8	13.9
72	60	3.39	Cassidy Bros	98	98	- 7	470	200	12.20	Nelson Cobbold	445	1.5	22.2
46	41	2.08	Cavendish W F	48	48	1	86	65	6.07	Nelson Cobbold	445	1.5	22.2
18	18	1.14	Cheltenham Group	18	18	1	76	62	0.13	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
63	55	63.70	Celtic	63	55	1	8	8	0.13	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
1275	650	15.80	CI Commes (TV)	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
124	109	15.80	CI Commes (TV)	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
85	61	10.50	Cheltenham Group	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
100	53	107.50	Chelsea Village	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
185	183	19.90	Circle Commes	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
33	28	13.20	Clifford	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
510	510	12.20	Com de Pte Fin	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
18	15	8.47	Concurrent Tech	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
100	100	0.25	Conc Tech & Pte	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
100	100	0.20	Conc Tech & Pte	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
125	125	0.84	Conc Tech & Pte	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
225	225	0.17	Conc Tech & Pte	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
4	4	1.14	Country Gols	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
85	68	2.49	Craig Bros Pl	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
109	57	25.90	Cross Int	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
63	53	23.40	Cross Int	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
377	152	27.10	DSS Management	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
36	32	3.41	David Glass	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
1700	860	76.60	Dawson Hedges	1275	650	1	70	53	6.07	Nthm Petm Wts	66	+ 11	33.0
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Deadline looms for deal on 'roaring lion' studio

Crédit Lyonnais close to unveiling MGM buyer

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

MGM, the Hollywood film studio, is likely to be sold this week after a tense bidding round.

Industry sources believe that the new owner of the celebrated "big cat" studio will be one of three companies: Polygram, the Anglo-Dutch entertainment group; the Morgan Creek film company; or News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*. At one point, there were more than twice as many bidders.

The current owner, Crédit

Lyonais, the French bank, has set itself a July 14 deadline for an announcement of which of the bidders has succeeded.

Bank executives spent the weekend "clarifying" the bids. Their decision is likely to be announced simultaneously in New York, Los Angeles and Paris.

Crédit Lyonnais took control of MGM in 1992 after the studio's then owner, Giancarlo Parretti, of Italy, defaulted on his loans.

The bank has until next May to dispose of its controlling stake, but it

wants to sell now after a boost to MGM's profile from a series of box office hits, such as *The Birdcage* and *Pierce Brosnan's* first James Bond film, *Goldeneye*.

The three leading bids are believed to hover around the \$1.2 billion mark, well shy of the \$2 billion that Crédit Lyonnais once hoped to achieve.

Price, however, will not be the only factor in the decision on who gets to buy a studio whose symbolic lion, roaring during the opening credits of many Hollywood classics,

evokes the early romance of motion pictures.

MGM was, for years, the domain of the late Louis B. Mayer, who arrived in Los Angeles in 1916 and formed a film production company that eventually became Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Mayer was a mercurial force, and his reliance on family-orientated, patriotic movies brought him success and power. His hits included the 1926 version of *Ben Hur*, *Dinner at Eight* and *Grand Hotel*.

Later owners of the studio in-

cluded the Bronfman's, of Seagram's whisky fame, and Kirk Kerkorian, the Las Vegas casino entrepreneur, who sold assets and did little for the studio's artistic confidence. Signor Parretti was another vivid character, but, in recent times, MGM's movie-making prospered under the aegis of Frank Mancuso, and, in 1995, the studio grossed \$333 million from 15 films, against \$149 million from eight films in 1994.

Mr Mancuso, a veteran Hollywood figure, attempted to mount a management buyout, partly backed

by General Electric's NBC television network. The Mancuso bid is thought to have failed.

Bidders have been attracted by MGM's long backlist of films, including the James Bond and Rocky series, and by the prospect of owning one of the best-known brand names in global entertainment. For the successful bidder will come the satisfaction not only of instant awe and recognition in Tinseltown, but also of sitting against a backdrop of Hollywood's mightiest symbol, the roaring lion.

Lloyd's talks aim to win US backing for survival plan

BY JON ASHWORTH

LOYD'S OF LONDON resumes talks with officials in America today, in the hope of striking an agreement before the Lloyd's annual meeting and securing US support for a £3.1 billion survival plan.

The talks take place as the results of a MORI poll is published in London, appearing to show support of more than 80 per cent of UK investors for the plan.

The 82 per cent majority likely to support the deal, vital for the future of Lloyd's, is the best figure since it was first outlined last autumn. In November, a similar poll by MORI showed only 54 per cent backing the proposals put forward by the ruling Council of Lloyd's. The figure rose to 65 per cent in December and

79 per cent in May. Up to 2,000 Lloyd's names are expected to attend proceedings, which come soon after the publication of results for the 1993 underwriting year.

Aggrieved US names have put pressure on state regulators to try to force an improved offer from Lloyd's. Opposition within America possibly poses the single biggest threat to the Lloyd's reconstruction and renewal (R&R) plan. But Lloyd's hopes to have resolved its American difficulties by the time members gather at the Royal Festival Hall in London on July 15.

This Friday, Lloyd's is expected to unveil a profit of up to £1.2 billion for the 1993 underwriting year — its first profit since a wave of catastro-

phes in the late 1980s began to take their toll. The profit will be the first since 1987.

Names attending the annual meeting on July 15 will have barely two hours in which to address the floor — in sharp contrast to past meetings, at which proceedings have continued for six hours or more. David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, will call a halt to proceedings soon after noon, clearing the way for an extraordinary general meeting.

Names will hear calls for further increases to the £3.1 billion settlement offer, which was revised from an initial £2.8 billion two months ago. During the afternoon, names will vote on plans for a refundable levy, aimed at raising £440 million towards the Lloyd's settlement.

Statements telling names how much they will have to pay will be sent out towards the end of the month. Names have until August 28 to indicate whether they are going to accept the offer.

Lloyd's has yet to decide what level of acceptance will be required to carry the day. Assuming success, names will have until the end of September to come up with the necessary funds.

Lloyd's received a boost last week, when the committee of the Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM), which represents about 9,000 names, indicated its support for R&R. Sir David Berriman, ALM chairman, commended the offer, and said that the future for those rejecting R&R was likely to be bleak.

□ The latest round of auctions for capacity at Lloyd's begins today, with a slow start expected. Introduced last year, auctions take the form of sealed bids, allowing members to sell underwriting capacity to the highest bidder.

Hoover to make big UK investment

BY CLARE STEWART

THE European arm of Hoover, the domestic appliance company, is ready to announce a major investment in the UK this week, together with the launch of a number of new products.

The move comes one year after the Hoover European Appliance Group was acquired from Maytag Corporation in the United States by Candy, the privately owned Italian appliance manufacturer.

Hoover's European base is at Merthyr Tydfil in Mid Glamorgan, where 1,000 people are employed in the headquarters and factory. It also has a

floorcare factory in Cambuslang, Glasgow.

The details of the investment in the UK will be the first major changes since Candy took over the company.

At the time of the \$170 million deal, Candy promised to develop the UK manufacturing facilities and to develop its links with Maytag, which retains the Hoover business in the US, in order to develop the product range.

Candy, which is based in Monza in Italy, is the fourth-largest manufacturer of white goods in Europe, and commands a 12 per cent share of the European market.

Spring Ram meeting investigated

BY JASON NISSE

SPRING Ram Corporation, the troubled kitchens and bathrooms group, may be forced to reconvene its annual meeting after complaints that the original meeting, held last month, was not conducted properly.

A small shareholder, Ian Pattison, of Halifax, West Yorkshire, has written to the Stock Exchange and the Department of Trade and Industry to complain that Roger Regan, Spring Ram's chairman, failed to take a vote properly in the meeting and acted undemocratically.

The Stock Exchange is investigating the complaints and the DTI has suggested that Mr Pattison may consider legal action against Spring Ram. The specific complaint by Mr Pattison is over the way Mr Regan handled the vote to appoint Philip Hanscombe as a non-executive director.

The vote was taken and, according to Mr Pattison, the motion was clearly defeated on a show of hands. Instead of then calling for a poll of shareholders, as is usual, Mr Regan asked Mr Hanscombe to give a speech to the AGM and for the vote to be taken again.

According to Mr Pattison, Mr Regan then asked shareholders to reconsider given the length of time it would take to have a poll and the fact this would delay lunch. The second show of hands showed a majority in favour of Mr Hanscombe. Kathy Baxandall, Spring Ram's company secretary, denied that Mr Regan had asked for the vote to be taken again "in the interests of lunch", saying that the first vote was inconclusive.

Revenue to tell AIM firms their tax status

BY FRASER NELSON

CONFUSION over eligibility for capital gains tax relief, which has plagued the Alternative Investment Market since its inception, may be cleared in the next few months by an Inland Revenue scheme to make its tax regulations more investor-friendly.

After pressure from City firms, including Winterflood Securities, the AIM market-maker, the Inland Revenue has agreed to tell unlisted companies whether their shares qualify for the tax break before they come to the market.

At present, the Revenue will not decide whether a company

is suitable for capital gains tax reinvestment relief until shareholders make their claim, having sold shares.

AIM market-makers were pushing for the complex regulations to be clarified, and for a definitive list of qualifying companies to be drawn up. However, the Revenue said that such a list would be price sensitive, and that its remit was to deal with investors individually. It added that, under the compromise, tax details would be sorted out with individual companies.

In spite of the common belief that the Alternative Investment Market is a tax

haven, fewer than a third of its 183 companies qualify for reinvestment relief. To qualify, a company must own at least 75 per cent of its subsidiaries, and avoid having a "substantial amount" of business in financial services, licensing or property. However, a qualifying company that moves to a full listing keeps the special tax status, regardless of its further trading developments. The Inland Revenue's new system of "advance clearance" is now in the final stages of development, and is expected to be activated before autumn.

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Undies to Japan

JAPAN'S yen for top-quality British goods is spreading to ladies' underwear. The Knickerbox chain has opened two stores in Kobe, with 200 planned later. A spokeswoman says: "It's all down to display. They used to keep the stuff in cardboard boxes, but now there are window displays featuring lifelike photographs and cut-out models of Western girls wearing the latest that Britain has to offer."

A long goodbye

MYSTERY shopping is growing in financial services. Prospero Direct, direct-selling arm of Provincial Insurance, uses the method, whereby pretend clients ring staff to see how they handle the public, but Barrie Wells, Prospero managing director, was astonished when the chief executive of one of the UK's top brokers, boasted that his staff complete monthly to see how long they can detain an underwriter on Prospero's free-call line. The record holder hit 53 minutes.

Ladbroke eyes Moscow

BY ALAN DAIR MURRAY

LADBROKE is leading the charge of Western hotel groups keen to participate in the £1 billion sell-off of Moscow's state-owned hotels.

The city government of Moscow has appointed Knight Frank, the surveyor, as investment advisers to the sale of 200 hotels ranging in size from 100 to 3,200 rooms.

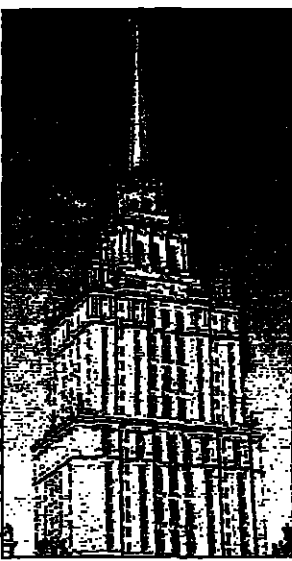
The star attractions are the National Hotel in Red Square, recently refurbished for \$90 million, and the 1,000-room Ukraina, on the River Moskva, opposite the White House, Russia's parliament.

Moscow is an extremely attractive market to hotel groups with the boom in business travellers causing a chronic shortage in suitable

accommodation. Upmarket hotels in Moscow are the most expensive in the world, commanding average room rates of \$300 a night. Occupancy levels are 80 per cent.

John Inge, of Knight Frank, said: "The hotels are enormously attractive, including many famous names, and buyers are queuing up from around the world." Many, however, are in poor condition and will need significant investment to bring them up to Western standards.

Ladbroke has confirmed that it is interested in adding Moscow hotels to its Hilton portfolio. Other buyers considering purchases include ITT Sheraton and Marriott as well as private buyers from the Middle East and Asia Pacific — but not Sir Rocco Forte.



The Ukraina is well sited

WORD-WATCHING

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SEMIBOUSY

(a) Half drunk. Obsolete. The grandfather of half-cut and semi-boozy. "Som unlisty persons, that were not well awaked, or semibousy or eve."

SMITHAM

(a) The finest particle of dust or ground malt. In mining, the finest part of lead ore, usually obtained by passing through a sieve, and afterwards ground to powder. A variant of *smeddum* meaning spirit or pith. "Your malt-dust which is the sprout, come, smitham, and other excrements of the malt."

SCHADON

(b) The larva of a bee. From Aristotle in the Greek *schadon*. "The weather keeping them [sc. bees] in, they can do nothing but breed and hatch their schadons."

SOCLE

(c) A low plain block or plinth serving as a pedestal to a statue, column, or vase, etc. Also a plain plinth forming a foundation for a wall. From the Latin *soculus* diminutive of *socus* a sock. "A high round pedestal formed by the foaming sea-water, like the socle of a monument."

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My goodness. Weekend "leaks" of imagining at Lazard, the merchant bank, should bring a couple of stock market Lazaruses back to life for a while this week. Could lacklustre Guinness plc really bid the kitchen sink for lacklustre Grand Metropolitan and create a huge, tremendously exciting, high-growth drinks company from the parts? What a story, what a monopoly, what a multi-billion car-boot sale of forced disposals that would create.

Perhaps, instead, City plan B could be piped into fund managers' virtual reality headsets. From seemingly unexciting Guinness, untold value, which has unaccountably escaped the scrutiny of dozens of high-paid City analysts, could be released to shareholders. All you need to do is split the beer brewing interests from the spirit distilling interests in a trendy demerger.

No need even to write a new script for this one. Just load a tape, persuasively detailing all the supposed logic behind Guinness buying Distillers a decade ago, and run it backwards. Then add a special ingredient. You borrow vast sums of money and hand it straight over to shareholders as a special dividend. Brilliant, truly brilliant.

Among the heroic numbers for cost savings, profit rises and dividends suggested for a GrandMet bid, however, one stands out as more authentic than any other. City fees of about £66 million were pencilled in. The board of the £9 billion drinks

Move into engineering is only froth for Guinness



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group is taking a rather spoilsport attitude to this City genius. "As with other large companies, Guinness routinely analyses possible developments in its industry," a statement explained, not entirely convincingly. "It regrets that documents relating to one such hypothetical possibility should have been subject to unauthorised publicity."

No, Guinness is not planning a hostile bid for GrandMet, the statement huffily claimed. No, it does not plan to demerge, hire off, sell or otherwise dispose of its trademark brewing interests.

Maybe not. But City interests will hope that something is up. Many fund managers are stuck with shares in both top-twenty companies and have seen them stagnate in money terms and sag badly against stock market indices since 1992. One analyst put this down to "extrapolation of historic zero growth/declining profit trends". Collapse of stout party.

Over the long haul, spirits have been a wonderful international growth business for those with marketing skill and financial acumen. The £23 billion acquisition of Distillers engulfed Ernest Saunders,

its author, but was the making of the modern Guinness. As marketing and commercial arrangements improved, profits bubbled ahead, making Guinness a market favourite during the UK recession.

International Distillers & Vintners, still the guts of Grand Metropolitan, is a gem, originally put together from the old Gilbey family gin business, built up through J&B Rare whisky and guided in early days by a different sort of merchant banker. It seems to bless those who buy it with the dust of creative marketing, in turn keeping Watney Mann and then GrandMet going through bad times. Low world economic growth, low

inflation, dollar weakness and global competition for an attractive market are making things tougher at the moment for the big spirits firms. But that is not the entire problem. Guinness has made some poor foreign beer acquisitions and GrandMet devoted most of its efforts, under Lord Sheppard of Digdromere, to a huge metamorphosis from one unappreciated assortment of interests to another.

Lord Sheppard usually managed to charm or bully the City into his way of thinking. Now that he has gone, the wretched ungrateful seek revenge. At Guinness, the internal politics are more pertinent. Bernard Arnault, the telegenic French financier who controls Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, has somehow ended up speaking for nearly a quarter of Guinness. Many believe that he wants some kind of deal to separate the Guinness spirits business, easing the way for him to gain control there, too, via further deals.

The sort of financial engineering exemplified by the Lazard paper is a common currency of merchant banks, corporate finance boutiques and even bits of accountancy firms. It has little to do with the conventional image of bids and deals that have some genuine business purpose, albeit most often the unspoken one of eliminating competition. Beyond the usual opportunity to destroy as many people's livelihoods as possible, this is little more than sleight of hand.

If Guinness is going through a bad patch, it is because its markets are dull, because currency movements are against it or because it is not managing its business well. Whichever is the case, splitting brewing from spirits, for instance, would do little to change that. Spirits may not need beer. But the Saunders argument, that the beer business needed financial clout to develop its potential in a slow-growing market, remains valid.

In America, in the 1980s, corporate raiders promoting leveraged takeovers and buyouts spun the illusion of creating extra value for shareholders. In reality, however, much of that extra value merely represented extra risk that the financial markets had not yet cottoned on to. Such exercises often fool enough of the people for enough time to make a fast buck.

Pure financial engineering is less credible at Guinness. Even the simple-minded can work out that merging and then demerging the same businesses is chiefly a scheme to keep up City fees. Sadly, even the most obliging auditor would not allow the Guinness board to do nothing at all and book savings of £66 million for its shareholders.

Carl Mortished examines the community problems that oil companies face in Nigeria

No longer in glorious isolation

In a village deep in the mangrove swamps of the Niger Delta, the people of Omadinio gathered in their community hall last week to meet prestigious visitors. Welcoming gifts of Coca-Cola and Nigerian beer were carefully arranged on a table, and the village elders, dressed in traditional robes and feathered bowler hats, seated themselves in a row at the head of the room. Women respectfully lined up on the left-hand side of the spartan building, windowless but open to the air, while the younger, more boisterous men occupied the benches to the right.

The formal welcoming party might have been little different had the guest been the district commissioner of a century ago. No road links Omadinio to the outside world and the villagers still eke out a living fishing from dugout canoes in the creeks of the swamp. But, unlike their colonial predecessors, last week's guests from the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria (SPDC) drew little pleasure from their role as local bosses and benefactors.

Looking hot and uncomfortable in oil rig overalls, Steve Ollerearnshaw, Shell's general manager for the Western Division, and his colleagues listened to a stinging rebuke of the oil company, delivered with great formality and eloquence by Napoleon Agbedetse, an

English-trained barrister who was born in Omadinio and returned to lead the village Task Force in negotiating with the oil companies. He said Shell had done damage to their fishing and accused it of operating unfair employment policies. He accused Shell of pocketing the benefits of oil exploration while being careless about the burden. "To them, [Shell] it is a matter of 'we are OK, Jack', he said.

The meeting in Omadinio provides a snapshot of everything that has gone wrong for Shell in Nigeria and everything that is going wrong for the inhabitants of the Delta region. Claims that oil companies are wrecking the environment are largely spurious, but they provide a platform and rallying cry for people who are desperately poor and have been neglected by a series of corrupt and ineffectual governments.

To a traveller in the Delta region, the recent television reports of environmental devastation and an inferno of gas flares, seem laughable. More flaring occurs in Nigeria than anywhere else in the world, due to the high gas content of the oil reservoirs and the lack of an energy market in a country where manufacturing industry is operating at about a quarter of capacity. The flaring is a shocking waste of energy resources and contributes to greenhouse gases, but,



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spread over the 70,000 square kilometres of the oil-producing region, it is barely noticeable unless you are in the immediate vicinity of a flow-station.

The Niger Delta is suffering severe environmental damage, but the problem has more to do with people than oil rigs. The effect is most noticeable in Ogoni, the area abandoned by Shell in 1993 after attacks on staff, where the need for agricultural land by small farmers is causing deforestation. Population pressure has led to communities springing up around once remote oil installations. In the past farmers would sometimes use the heat from burning gas to dry cassava by laying the crop on the sand banks that surround the flare.

The explosive growth of the population has placed the oil industry in an environment previously unknown to it. Batom Mitee is a representative of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) and brother of Ledum Mitee, the Ogoni leader who was acquitted in the court that convicted and ordered the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the activist who was executed by the Nigerian Government last year. Mr Mitee said that the Ogoni region has the highest population density in the Delta.

"Farmers are struggling for land space with oil exploration," he said, and confirmed that Shell has become the target of a multitude of grievances. "They do not see the Government, they see Shell. They want Shell to show some concern."

Belatedly, Shell is showing concern by bumping up the amount it spends on community projects, such as school blocks, health clinics and youth training schemes. Its community assistance budget has been increased by 30 per cent this year to £30 million but the company knows that it cannot fill the gap caused by the absence of government in Lagos. More worrying is the imminent prospect of a funding crisis: Shell's partner, NNPC, the state oil company which owns 55 per cent of the SPDC joint venture, is strapped for cash and has imposed a 30 per cent reduction in SPDC's budget, raising

the prospect of sharply declining oil production, falling revenues and, inevitably, less community assistance. Unless the budget is increased, Mr Ollerearnshaw said: "It will have dire consequences for Shell, the communities and the Government."

Back in Omadinio, the general manager of the Western Division apologised to the villagers for the delay in providing a health clinic and promised it would finally be built this year. "Your community is very important to us," he said. "But we are an oil company, we are not government. The things we are doing are the responsibility of government."

Unfortunately for Shell, the distinction is academic to the young people of the Delta. About half of the population is under 20 years of age. Faced with no hope of a job, young Nigerian men are also losing respect for traditional leaders, the tribal chiefs. The problem is acute in Ogoni and hampering efforts by Shell to secure a consensus between MOSOP and moderate Ogonis over the conditions under which it might resume operations in Ogoni Land. Ogoni chiefs, such as Ignatius Kogbara, blame MOSOP and its youth organisation for causing the violence that led to the murders of moderate Ogoni leaders.

Mr Ollerearnshaw can be thankful of the moderating influence of Mr Agbedetse who fights his battles with the prospect of sharply declining oil production, falling revenues and, inevitably, less community assistance. Unless the budget is increased, Mr Ollerearnshaw said: "It will have dire consequences for Shell, the communities and the Government."

Words. As the Shell delegation prepared to leave, a younger man shouted and pointed to the crumbling mud walls of the houses: "Look at the buildings. This is a community that produces 20,000 barrels per day for Shell. What happened in Ogoni will happen here."

Things are happening. Only the previous week, Shell's Searex-6 oil rig located nearby was invaded by 60 people from another community armed with machetes. The rig was closed down for 50 hours while the contractor negotiated, eventually agreeing to build a town hall for them and employ eight people. The two-day shutdown alone cost the contractor some \$60,000.

Shell points to a declining record of community incidents and oil spills. A programme of replacement and burial of flow lines will eliminate leaks due to erosion although the company blames sabotage for most of the damage. Last year, the company says, more than 80 per cent of the 464 tonnes of oil lost was due to sabotage by communities seeking compensation payments.

Community politics is a new game for oil companies, typically used to working in the glorious isolation of deserts and oceans. Brian Anderson, managing director of SPDC, was born in Nigeria. He is determined to improve Shell's record, and has risked confrontation with the Govern-

ment in order to avoid it on the ground, preferring to shut down production during the 1994 strike rather than risk violence between police and strikers. "The party that lost most was us. At the time it damaged relations with the Government."

Whether Shell and other oil companies have thought out the full political implications is unclear. Shell's business principles clearly state that the company will not involve itself in local politics, but in its increasing willingness to fill the gap left by government, it is potentially taking on a role of limitless proportions and huge political risks with a youthful and agitated population. Egbert Imomoh, general manager for Shell's Eastern Division, which includes Ogoni, said the young people wanted recognition, but he pointed out that dialogue may not be enough: "The youth has been sitting in the village and he is looking for a job. We can talk to him until the cows come home, but he is still looking for a job."

Precious Omuku, the Shell executive in charge of community relations in the Eastern Division, was initially unenthusiastic about taking on the job and leaving the field of exploration, the glamour side of the oil business. However, he said his boss put it succinctly: "If we do not get the community relations right, there will be no more exploration."



A site is prepared for a seismic survey while Shell's relations with locals undergo a deep shift

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RADIO CHOICE

The day it all happened

On This Day, Radio 4 (LW), 10.15 am

Evidently, what's good enough for *The Times* is good enough for the BBC. For its new series beginning today, Radio 4 adopts the title this newspaper long ago affixed to its daily reminder of what happened years ago. The BBC's *On This Day* kicks off with July 5, 1946. Stern stuff, mostly: Professor Jozsef's trial in a bag, 'em up, keep them there'; 5,000 Jews in a London protest march against the Government's policy on emigration to Palestine. Light relief, too: how to knit a pair of knickers. No mention, though, of Oxford undergrad Margaret Robert's taking her first steps on the road to 10 Downing Street.

Everybody Comes to Schickelgruber's, 4.7-4.5 pm.

In Marcy Kahan's delicious comedy, nothing can be ruled out as improbable, not even the thought of Hitler stopping the Second World War so that he could negotiate with the French Resistance for the release of his half-brother, an apologetic fanatic. There is another kind of obsession in the play, no less manic than that of Edward Schickelgruber, whose pastiche is the stuff of legend in 1930s Vienna. A minor film-maker (the estimable and versatile Kerry Shale) is besotted with the idea of making a documentary about the strudel genius. The fact that apologetic is the only noteworthy thing about Edward Schickelgruber (Clive Swift) is lost on him. Hilariously lost. Peter Daville

RADIO 1

FM Stereo, 6.30am Mark Radcliffe, and Newsbeat 8.00am Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa Anson 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00pm Mark Goodier, and Newsbeat 7.00pm Evening Session 9.00 John Peel's Classic Rock 1 Sessions (3/8) 10.00 Mark Laman 12.00 Claire Surguch 4.00am Chris Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo, 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thorne 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.00 John Dunn 7.00 Steve Wright at the Movies 7.30 Radio 2 Young Musician 1996 Final, live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00am Harry Belafonte 10.00 Jazz Score (4/8) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Adrian Farrant 3.00 Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme incl at 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine, with Darius Madill, and 10.35 News from Europe 11.30 Food News 12.00 Midday with Mark, and 12.30pm Moneychat, with Katie Dartman 2.30 Race on Five incl at 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.35 Grand Prix Diary 8.05 Parkinson On Sport 9.05 Sportschat 9.35 On the Job 10.05 News Talk, with Mike Baker 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am The Other Side of Midnight 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Crichton 1.00pm Anna Rastburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 8.00 Peter Dealey 7.00 Sports Zone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST, 5.00am Newsdesk, 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Europe Today 6.30 News 7.15 Sports by Post 7.20 Andy Kershaw 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Vintage Chart Show 9.00 News in German 9.15 Going for Gold 9.45 Newsdesk 10.00 Starred Glass 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Anything Goes 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf 12.00 Newsdesk 12.20 Sports 1.00 News in German 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Andy Kershaw 2.00 Newsdesk 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.15 John Peel 4.00 News 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 6.30 News 6.45 World Today 6.55 News 6.50 News in German 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 News in German 8.00 Newsdesk 8.05 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Multitrack 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.20 Living in the City 10.45 Moments 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.00 News 12.10am Take Five 12.15 Record News 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 Newsdesk 1.30 Sport 1.35 News 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Words of Faith 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Multitrack 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00 Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Harry Kelly 12.00 Susanah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Cullum 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata 7.00 Celebrity Chicks in 8.00 Newsdesk 8.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00 Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in D, Op 11 No 1); Beethoven (Quartet in E flat for piano and wind); Alan Ben (Reb's sign); Swendsen (Piano and Juliet Fantasy); Torkel (Bright Blue Music); Darius (Violin Concerto) 9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Giamberini. Includes: Chopin (Piano Sonata in C, Op 48); Puccini (Se come voi piana to less); Le Vill Act 1); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in G, Op 31 No 1) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines. Artist of the week: Sylvia McNair, soprano. Rachmaninov, arr. Dubinsky (Vocalise, Op 34 No 14) 10.10 Medtronic (Russian Round Dance, Op 50 No 1; Knight Errant, Op 59 No 2); Elgar (Falestia) 11.00 Beethoven (Incidental Music: Leonore Prochaska); Peter Phillips (Cello and Violin); Daring (Factum est silium); Barok (String Quartet No 6) 12.00 Composers of the Week: The English Madrigalists 1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert, from St John's, Smith Square, London. The Guarneri Trio; Ivan Krsany, piano; Cenek Pavlik, violin; and Marek Jerie, cello. Beethoven (Allegretto in B flat, WoO 39; Piano Trio in B flat, Op 97, Archduke) 2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis. With Timothy Brown, horn; Tippett (A Birthday Suite for Prince Charles); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 1); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 6) 3.10 Brahms Quintet, Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E flat, Op 10 No 3); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 7); Purcell (Fantazias in G minor, in F minor, in C minor); Barok (String Quartet No 4) 4.30 Lester Leaps In, Russell Davies continues his exploration of the recording career of Lester Young, the great tenor saxophonist 5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson 5.15 Funland, with Tommy Nicholas, Mendelssohn (Capriccio brilliant in B minor), Mozart (Piano Sonata in C, K455), Rubik (Sonata in C minor), Liszt (Hungarian Concerto), Rachmaninov (Symphony No 1 in D minor) 9.30 Art and the Human Condition. Martin Kemp talks to artists about how the human figure and human experiences are portrayed through art. His first guest is the painter Marlene Dumas (1/5) 10.00 Ensemble, Benjamin Frith, piano. Clara Schumann in F sharp minor, Op 25 No 1, Weber (Sonata in A flat, Op 38) 10.45 Living It, with Mark Russell 11.30 Composer of the week: Franz Berwald (1) 12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 The Awkward Squad. A new four-part series on Parliament's jobs. Presented by Times columnist Matthew Parris 9.00 News 9.05 Soapbox, with Andrew Neil 10.00 News; With Great Pleasure (FM only), with guest Arthur Smith (5/8) 10.00 Daily Services (LW only) 10.15 On This Day (LW only). See 10.30 Women's Hour 10.50 Test Match Special: England v India (LW only). Day four of the Third Test at Trent Bridge 11.30 Money Box Live (FM only): 0171-580 4444 12.00 News; You and Yours (FM only), with Chris Choi 12.25pm Brain of Britain 1996 (FM only). Cloned by Robert Robinson 12.35 Weather 1.00 The World At One, with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (FM only) in 1.55 Shipping 1.40 Test Match Special (LW only) 2.00 News; Top Story (FM only), by Rod Dargate. The first of a four-part drama series about a West Midlands news agency 2.00 Test Match Special (LW only) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift (FM only) 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM only) 4.45 Short Story: Bringing Home a Bundle for Mum (FM only), by Vincent McInerney. Read by Keith Drinkel 5.00 PM (FM only) 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Test Match Special (LW only) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only) 6.30 On Screen. Heaven's a Club (FM only). The series with Humphrey Lyttelton and guests (1) 7.00 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (1) 7.45 The Monday Play: Quintessentially Fluminate. The second of Schickelgruber's. See Choice 9.15 Quintessentially Fluminate. Leonard Banks reads two more of his unlikely stories 9.30 Kaleidoscope (1) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Paula, by Isabel Allende. Read by Pallance Tomlinson (6/7) 11.00 Space Pickings (FM only). In the first of the series, Dr John Gribben explores the fictional styles of contemporary writers (1) 11.00 Education Matters (LW only) 11.30 The Doctors (FM only). The medical drama series set on Merseyside. With Richard O'Sullivan and Sue Johnston (4/5) (1) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only) 12.00 News incl 12.27am approx 12.30 The Late Book: The Sportsman, by Richard Ford (4/12) 12.45 Shipping 1.00 As World Service

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True stories, honest portraits, absent reality

I hesitate to condone the telly-watching habits of *Men Behaving Badly*, but sometimes it comes uncomfortably close to life. Anyone who saw last Thursday's edition, you see, may have had an uncomfortable feeling of déjà vu during last night's *Sex on the Beach* (BBC1). This was the controversial Sara Thornton docudrama, starring the beautiful Maggie O'Neill, which caused the *Daily Mail* last week to say in anticipation: "Why can't TV tell the truth about this sick husband-killer?"

Let's imagine ourselves back on the sofa at Gary and Tony's, with them watching *Killing Me Softly*. As the Thornton saga unfolds, and Malcolm starts hitting Sara when drunk, the girls swap sensitive remarks. "She ought to leave him," says Dorothy. "But she can't," says Debs. "No," they don't, together. Meanwhile the men look restless until suddenly Gary pipes up:

"The top's coming off!" he cries. "It's coming off!" echoes Tony. Together, they lean forward in their chairs. "Come on, come on, come on," they chorus, until finally, "It's OFF."

Personally, I got quite involved in *Killing Me Softly*. It worked better as drama than I expected. Peter Howitt, as Malcolm Thornton, gave a brilliantly real performance — in no way the two-dimensional monster his relatives were said to have anticipated. His haircut was good, too. All round, the acting was fine (the child, Tilly Gerrard, was terrific), and the script made sense of a doomed relationship based on lust. In recent television history, I would hazard that the words "No they snog a lot" have never appeared so often in a screenplay's stage directions.

But the occasional bouts of nudity — so glaringly gratuitous — pointed to the usual stretching of

seams which always accompanies docudrama and explains why it's a bastard form before left alone. With docudrama, two types of reality fight it out, and neither wins.

Just as the dramatist has established Maggie O'Neill's lost-lawn depiction of Sara, a scene is required by the facts of the case in which she drops her dress to the floor during a late-night chat with a friend; or goes to the kitchen, finds a knife, and sticks it in her husband. And then the viewer is supposed to say "Oh yes, the real Sara Thornton did that, didn't she?" as if it automatically makes sense.

The annoying thing about docudrama is this: that when it's good, it's worse. It plants a version of events in your head — and demands that you trust it without question. And when the drama works well, there

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is even more reason to complain. A dramatic account of this case was entirely uncalled for — especially after the retrial, which made any "public interest" defence fall down — and is even counter-productive. Understanding such a problematical personality as Sara Thornton requires the imagination to be free of any true stereotype of the battered wife, but now that freedom is lost. Hers is a very singular

case which makes her a flawed figurehead for the prosecution; mixing her up with Maggie O'Neill matters much worse.

For anyone reeling from the confusion of reality and fantasy last night on BBC1, it was a bad idea to turn to Elton John. Taurus and Taurus (TV), which was bound to induce vertigo in the steadiest of viewers. Taurus and Taurus was the infamous home video filmed by Elton John's partner David Furnish — in which the true Elton was to be revealed, with unlovely pouts, screams, and satin overload.

To be honest, it sounded rather drowsy — not to say narcissistic and predictable. In fact, it was a very clever film, answering questions about the life of a singer-mega-famous person that you would never think of asking. Every sequence that involved a wardrobe of any sort (oh my God) made the

jaw drop so low it was picking up cat-hair from the carpet.

Furnish showed Elton writing a song in a studio (he devotes an hour to the tune; if it doesn't come, he gives up). A world tour took in two million people, and hundreds of concerts. Back at home, he sat with his Mum on the sofa and she cried when she remembered his old drug habits. The clever thing was that Furnish wasn't showing off about the lifestyle he now enjoyed; he could still see how it would appear to normal people with nothing to do with showbiz. While it is no surprise that Elton John is career-minded, it is still a shock to see how a career can drive the life out of a person without him noticing. "What if your songs stopped selling?" asked Furnish at one point. "They won't," said Elton emphatically. "It doesn't work like that." And sadly, he's right.

The intimate moments contained a fair amount of camping around "Bona! Bona! Mya! Mya!" but these only served as better foils for the quiet bits. Elton was either frantically overloaded, or bored and restless. His great good sense had been to surround himself with down-to-earth people who didn't drink and beat the time — it was clearly his salvation. But was his life worth having? You couldn't help but wonder, especially when — in a perfectly placed scene — he visited his old Nan, well looked-after in a nice house, with flowers delivered every week.

She was clearly devoted to him, but much as he loved her in return, it was tragically clear he could give her everything except time. "Did you get my card from Japan?" he asked. "Oh yes, lovely," she said. Now he was off to the Oscars, hoping to collect an award, and she was right behind him. "I hope you get half a dozen," she said.

6.00am Business Breakfast (BBC1) 7.00 **BBC Breakfast News** (BBC1) (1085) 9.00 **Breakfast News Extra** (BBC1) (302514)

9.20 **Ready, Steady, Cook!** (i) (6902427) 9.50 **Wildlife on One** (i) (6902427) 10.00 **Wildlife on One** (i) (6902427)

10.10 **My Favourite Nosh**. Chef Anton Mosimann cooks for actor Lionel Jeffries (6878137)

10.50 **News** (BBC1) and weather (328798)

10.55 **Cricket — Third Test: England v India**. Live coverage from Trent Bridge (7442311)

12.00 **News** (BBC1) and weather (2683427) 12.05pm **Going for Gold** (i) (7513427) 12.30 **For the Love of It** (i) (7513427)

12.35 **Neighbours** (BBC1) (s) (8167663) 1.00 **News** (BBC1) and weather (13972) 1.30 **Regional News** and weather (86130021)

1.35 **Cricket — Third Test: England v India**. Live from Trent Bridge (94902408) 5.35 **Neighbours** (i) (BBC1) (s) (523040) 6.00 **Six O'Clock News** (BBC1) (595)

6.30 **Regional News** and weather (175) 7.00 **That's Showbusiness**. Mike Smith hosts the last in this series of the showbiz trivia game show. Tonight's guests are Bob Downes, Sarah Vandenberg, Edna Doris and Anisley Hammett (BBC1) (s) (963)

7.30 **Watchdog: Value for Money**. Vanessa Feltch presents a guide to successful shopping. Including how to shop like a Princess without a big bank balance, Anisley Hammett checks out the best takeaways and Chris Choi reveals how most mobile phone users are paying too much for their calls (BBC1) (s) (350)

8.00 **EastEnders**. Grant is in no mood to celebrate his birthday and Peggy has something on her mind concerning Mark (BBC1) (s) (8311)

8.30 **Oh Doctor Beeching!** Steam-powered railway sitcom. An escaped railway loco causes Hattie's new stationmaster no end of trouble, wandering on the line. With Paul Shane, Su Pollard and Jeffrey Holland (BBC1) (s) (7448)

9.00 **News** (BBC1) regional news and weather (8156) 9.30 **Panorama**. In-depth investigations (BBC1) (832595)

10.10 **Bad Boys**. Comedy drama series about a Cockney wide-boy, stranded in Glasgow's gangland. Multiracial ex-pats Fraser, Lewis and the brotherhood of Glasgow's gangsters and infiltrates a member of the Russian Mafia instead. But Fraser refuses to take this lying down and gets Wayne to sort it out. With Karl Howman (BBC1) (s) (915427)

11.00 **Film: Cagney and Lacey: The Return** (1994). Tyne Daly and Sharon Gless as television's favourite female cops brought together again in a search for a cache of missing firearms. Directed by James Frawley (BBC1) (s) (5446)

12.30am **International Athletics**. Highlights from Stockholm (49373) 1.00 **Weather** (1081354)

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6.00am Open University: The Birth of Calculus (BBC2) 6.25 **Questions of National Identity** (BBC2) (5243953)

7.15 **See Hear Breakfast News** (443682) 7.30 **Smurfs' Adventures** (9476330) 7.55 **TV to You** (i) (5206089) 8.20 **Johnson and Friends** (i) (8895175)

8.30 **Songs of Praise** (i) (BBC1) (s) (4515175) 9.05 **The Fugitive** (i) (BBC1) (7201412) 9.00 **Playdays** (BBC1) (7201412)

9.15 **In a Sulfuric Sea** (i) (944476) 11.15 **The Addams Family** (i) (BBC1) (4119224) 11.40 **Carver's** (BBC1) (1759392)

12.00 **Cricket — Third Test** (i) (18330) 1.00 **Model Millie** (i) (7857243) 1.15 **A-Z of Food** (7230488) 1.25 **West It Well** (7655475) 1.40 **Working Lunch** (9222798)

2.10 **The Oprah Winfrey Show** (BBC1) (1907224) 2.50 **Becoming** (BBC1) (383337) 3.00 **News** and weather (875682) 3.05 **The Natural World** (8582576) 3.55 **News** and weather (2113576)

4.00 **Cartoon** (776514) 4.05 **Fudge** (2122224) 4.30 **Bright Sparks** (BBC1) (972) 5.00 **Newsround** (BBC1) (8046779) 5.10 **Blue Peter** in South Africa (BBC1) (s) (7405934)

5.35 **Cricket: Third Test** (i) (233392) 6.15 **International Athletics**. Helen Rollason and Brendan Foster introduce coverage of tonight's Grand Prix meeting in Stockholm (368773)

7.30 **Don't Mention the War**. Journalist Jürgen Kroll, from Die Zeit, discovers why it has become fashionable to be anti-German in Britain. He journeys through Britain and gets the opinions of football fans, farmers, reporters and politicians about the apparent war that has resumed between the two nations (s) (801)

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CBI survey sees surge in optimism

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

OPTIMISM in the financial sector is growing sharply on the back of the strongest increase in business volumes since the 1980s, new figures from the Confederation of British Industry show today.

The findings of the CBI's latest survey of the financial services sector — especially on the growth of mortgage business by building societies — indicate the return of the long-sought "feel-good" factor, and confirm that the housing market is starting to improve.

Ministers and business leaders hope that today's CBI figures will preface a series of positive official statistics, starting with new figures on factory-level production and

industrial prices today, and retail prices later in the week. Next week ministers hope there will be a further fall in unemployment, and helpful figures on company profitability and public borrowing.

The CBI's quarterly survey, carried out with chartered accountants Coopers & Lybrand, shows business optimism in financial services is now increasing at the fastest rate since March 1993. A net balance of half the 267 financial services firms studied declared themselves optimistic about their overall business position, a significant increase on the 33 per cent balance in March and the balance of only 4 per cent last December.

Building societies, followed by banks and life insurers, are reporting the strongest rises in confidence, with only general insurers, security traders and venture capitalists claiming that overall confidence is lower than three months ago.

The rise in confidence follows the strongest increase in business volumes since the CBI started its financial services survey in 1989. A net balance of 46 per cent of firms are seeing a rise in their overall business volumes, compared to 5 per cent in March, and a balance of 1 per cent a year ago seeing business volumes falling.

Business volumes with all categories of customer rose over the past three months, the survey shows, though the increase with overseas customers was only marginal. However, it is the sharp rise in business with private individuals that is likely to be seen as the most significant indicator for the return of the "feel-good" factor, supporting the idea of a recovery in the housing market.

The volume of business transacted with private individuals grew for a net balance of 60 per cent of the companies surveyed — up from 4 per cent in the last quarter. Financial services firms expect the increase to be sustained over the next three months.

Business volumes with financial institutions also grew more strongly than expected, with a net 22 per cent reporting a rise, compared with a forecast of only 1 per cent. But business with industrial and commercial companies remained broadly level, suggesting investment by industry is not yet increasing.

Sudhir Jumanark, CBI associate director of economic analysis, says today: "Overall business volumes rose markedly over the past three months... but companies expect business growth to moderate over the coming three months in line with the pace of expansion seen last year."

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Inflation keeps Clarke buoyant

By Oliver August

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, will tomorrow deliver an upbeat assessment of the economy despite being forced to admit that his 3 per cent growth forecast for this year will not be achieved.

In the Treasury's Summer Economic Forecast, Mr Clarke is expected to downgrade his Budget growth prediction to about 2.5 per cent after a sluggish performance in the first half of this year. He will also revise upwards his estimate of public borrowing from £22.5 billion to about £28 billion, underlining the difficulty of justifying significant tax cuts.

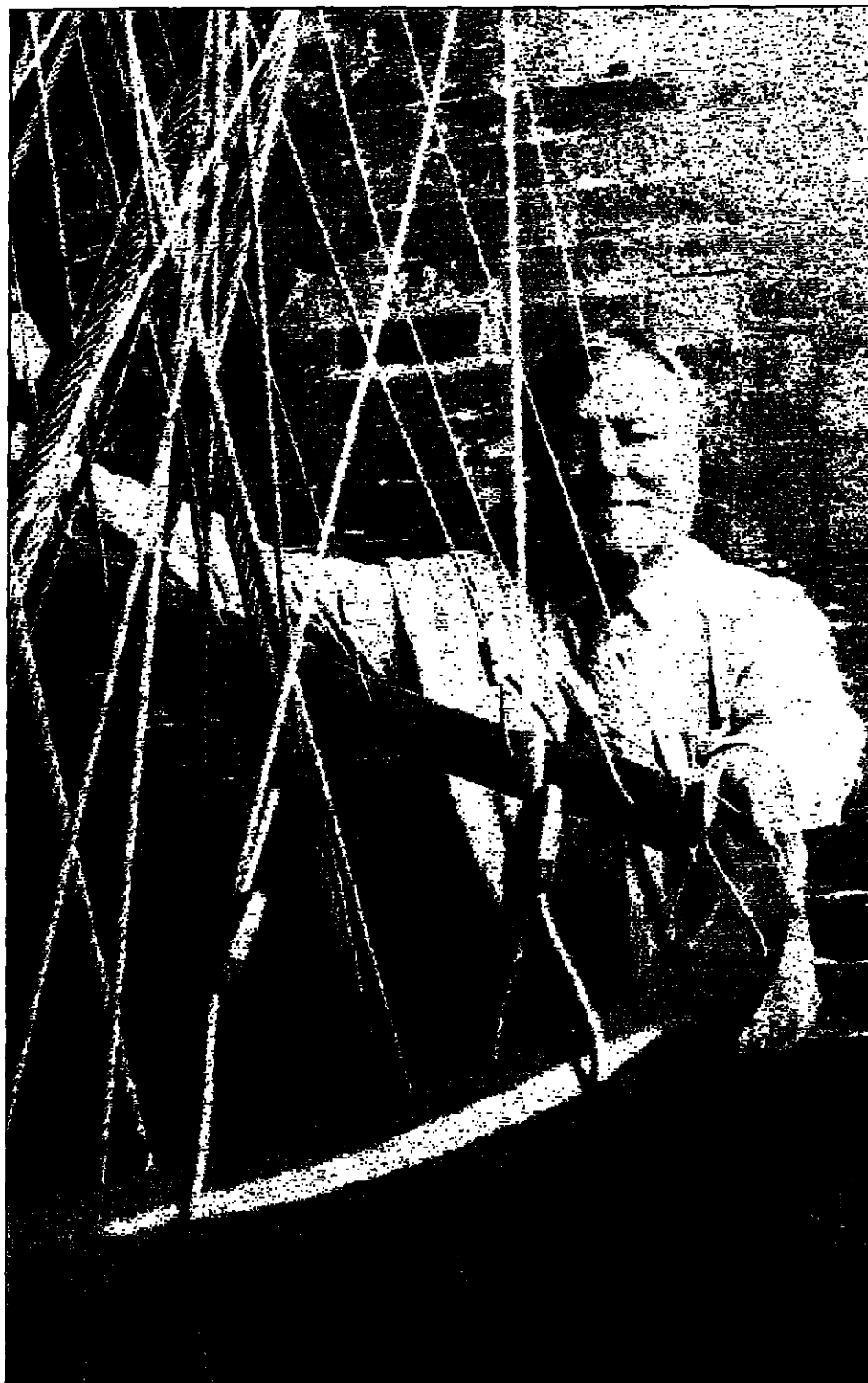
However, the Chancellor can take comfort in the fact that inflation remains sub-

dued. It is expected that underlying inflation, currently 2.8 per cent, will fall during the rest of the year and remain below 2.5 per cent throughout 1997.

Mr Clarke starts a two-day brainstorming session with senior officials on Friday, when they will discuss the scope for and type of tax changes which can be made in this year's pre-election Budget.

The meeting will be attended by Sir Terry Burns, Treasury Permanent Secretary, Valerie Strachan, head of Customs & Excise, and Sir Tony Battishill, head of the Inland Revenue.

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Roger Hall, financial director of Gripple, a Sheffield die-cast wire jointer for fencing and industrial wire rope, which is one of five winners due tomorrow to receive £7,000 each in prizes and professional services in the DTI export awards for smaller businesses

Glaxo loses fight to protect Zantac from copycat drugs

By Oliver August

GLAXO WELLCOME, the pharmaceuticals group, has lost the battle to protect Zantac, its lucrative anti-ulcer drug, from copycat medications, it emerged yesterday.

Novopharm, a Canadian company specialising in producing generic forms of leading drug brands, has emerged victorious from a six-year court battle after a federal court in North Carolina ruled that it can produce a generic version of the original Zantac, known as Form 1. Novopharm will have its product on the market within 12 months.

Zantac, the world's most widely prescribed drug, currently has annual sales of £2.2 billion. 24 per cent of Glaxo Wellcome's total sales.

Last night Glaxo said that it believed that it had grounds to appeal against the ruling, which paves the way for the cheaper rival to Zantac to enter the market. However, Novopharm has threatened a \$1 billion lawsuit against Glaxo if the British company does appeal, alleging wilful obstruction of Novopharm's legitimate efforts to sell its version of Zantac.

Leslie Dan, Novopharm's chairman, said: "The court's ruling was so strong in our favour that any further attempts by Glaxo to use litigation as a means to block Zantac competition would be ludicrous."

Judge Terence Boyle refused to accept that production of Form 1 would violate Glaxo's patent for Form 2 Zantac, which lasts until 2002. He said: "Glaxo has failed to establish

that the existence of Form 2 in Novopharm's product is even a reasonable possibility."

A Glaxo Wellcome spokesman said: "We believe the company has a valid case against Novopharm and that it has strong grounds for appeal. 'We emphasise that the law does not permit Novopharm or any other generic drug maker to bring a generic form of the product to market before the expiry of the basic patent in July 1997.'"

Scots bank chief seeks investors

Sir Bruce Patullo, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, will today begin meeting institutional investors as the insurer, Standard Life, launches the offer document for the £850 million placing of the bulk of its 31.5 per cent interest in the bank.

Sir Bruce, whose initial anger at the proposed disposal prompted him to quit the Standard Life board, will travel to Europe and America to secure institutional investors for the shares. Standard Life will retain a 2.5 per cent interest in the bank as a long-term investment.

Staples offer

Staples, the American retailer, confirmed yesterday that it has made an offer, believed to be in the region of £15 million, to buy out Kingfisher's half-share of their UK office supplies joint venture. Staples claims an initial offer of around £25 million, made earlier this year, was originally accepted by Kingfisher. But after negotiations stalled, the Americans then reduced the offer to take account of losses incurred by the joint venture. Staples runs 33 out-of-town superstores in the UK, selling stationery and computer supplies.

Somerfield offers reassurance

By Sarah Cunningham

SOMERFIELD will today seek to reassure potential investors that its controversial £500 million stock market flotation remains on track when it reports a sharp rise in operating profits and improved margins.

In spite of claims by the company and its advisers that interest in the flotation is strong among both institutional and private investors, there

is growing acceptance that Somerfield's lacklustre medium-term prospects will undermine the flotation price.

There is also dismay that a large slice of the float proceeds will go to existing and former directors, while Somerfield must pay extra indemnity fees of £5 million to Kleinwort Benson, its adviser, and £3 million to SBC Warburg, adviser to Isosceles, Somerfield's parent

company. But today the company, Britain's fifth-largest supermarket chain and the subject of a remarkable recovery from near collapse three years ago, will claim the outlook is encouraging.

Annual operating profits have risen 43 per cent to £100.5 million and the net operating margin for the year to April 27 was 3.2 per cent, up one point on the previous year.

While supermarkets trading under the Somerfield brand are understood to have seen more than 5 per cent like-for-like sales growth in the year, analysts believe that trading at the old, unconverted Gateway supermarkets, accounting for 35 per cent of the chain, was down by 4 per cent. The company plans to have the whole chain converted by the end of next year.

Guinness rules out GrandMet takeover

By Alasdair Murray

GUINNESS will make a Stock Exchange statement today after reports that it is considering a £13 billion bid for Grand Metropolitan, the rival drinks group. The company will rule out a hostile bid for GrandMet and reject suggestions that it will demerge its brewing and spirits operations.

Guinness was forced to clarify its position after details of a leaked report by Lazards, the

company's main advisers, were published at the weekend. The Lazards plan involved Guinness raising £10 billion in cash to fund a takeover of GrandMet, recouping the costs through the sale of GrandMet's food interests, which include Burger King and Pillsbury.

A successful takeover would hand Guinness brands including Smirnoff vodka, Malibu,

and Bailey's to add to its existing portfolio, which includes Johnnie Walker, Bell's and Gordon's Gin.

Guinness's statement is unlikely to end City speculation about the company's strategy to revive its flagging performance. Bernard Arnault, a Guinness director and head of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, which owns 20 per cent of Guinness, has publicly called for it to take action and is believed to favour a demerger.

GrandMet is also likely to come under the spotlight again, although the company has insisted it has no immediate plans to make disposals. There have been rumours that it is prepared to sell Burger King. Gerald Corbett, finance director of GrandMet, said: "We do not want to appear complacent, but we feel the company is in good shape and is on course for its best year ever."

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Thames top of leak table

By Alasdair Murray

THAMES Water has emerged as Britain's most leak-prone water company, after it dramatically revised its water loss estimates for 1995-96.

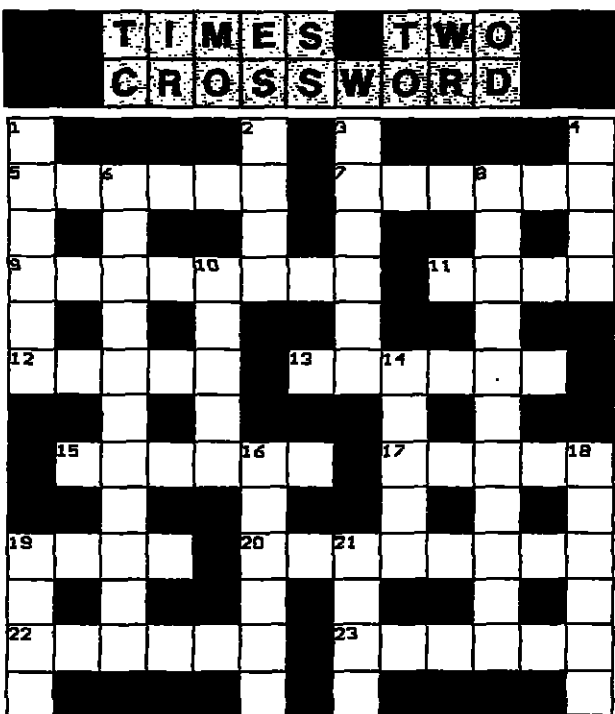
Thames's new figures show it is losing the equivalent of 333 litres a day for every household in its region. Its total distribution losses are 807 megalitres a day, compared with a previously published 628 megalitres. The revised figures bring

into question Thames's ability to meet its forecast leakage rate of 218 litres per household per day by 1997-98. The company is spending £166 million on a programme to halve the leakage rate by 2004 or 2005.

In May, Ian Byatt, Director-General of Ofwat, the water regulator, criticised the major water companies for their failure to meet leakage targets. The Environment Agency has also said that it

will withhold licences to abstract water from rivers and build new reservoirs unless it feels proper action has been taken to fix leaks.

Other companies singled out for poor leakage rates are Yorkshire Water and North West Water, part of United Utilities, which lose about 30 per cent of supplies through leaks, against around 28 per cent for Thames. Anglian Water loses just 13 per cent.



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- 5 Unreal, false (6)
- 7 Polar lights; Sleeping Beauty princess (6)
- 9 Broken chord (mus.) (8)
- 11 Big chunk (of egg cake, stone) (4)
- 12 Stratum; a hen (5)
- 13 Discussion (6)
- 15 Summerhouse (6)
- 17 Distant, uninvolved (5)
- 19 Stay; live; tolerate (4)
- 20 Troilus & Cressida's go-between (8)
- 22 Centre/circumference distance (6)
- 23 Perfectly round thing (6)

DOWN

- 1 Take up room sitting; urban spread (6)
- 2 Veern (4)
- 3 Wheelie (6)
- 4 Door side-post (4)
- 6 Having gained nothing (5-6)
- 8 Regrettably accurate (4,3,4)
- 10 Stuff oneself; ravine (5)
- 14 Uncontroversial; dull (5)
- 16 Encourage; Gloucester-going Dr (6)
- 18 Speak gruffly; part of tree (4)
- 21 Inquisitive (4)

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Today: the German conspirators. Tomorrow: how the British betrayed them

Hitler and the Stauffenberg solution

In the first of two extracts from his controversial new book *Plotting Hitler's Death*, leading historian Joachim Fest tells the true story of the bungled plot to assassinate the Nazi dictator



Stauffenberg (far left) with Hitler (centre) at the "Wolf's Lair" HQ, July 15, 1944. Five days later the Führer's trusted officer planted the bomb intended to kill him

After several unsuccessful attempts to overthrow the Nazi regime, the conspirators' sole remaining ambition by July 20, 1944, was to save as much of Germany's "substance" as possible from the impending catastrophe. Recent evidence suggests how well-founded their motives were: one study shows that while slightly more than 2.8 million German soldiers and civilians died between the beginning of the war on September 1, 1939, and the attempt to assassinate Hitler on July 20, 1944, 4.8 million died during the nine-and-a-half months before the war ended in early May 1945.

The destruction wreaked in the last nine months of the air war far exceeded that of the previous 59 months, not to mention the countless casualties in other countries or the victims of Hitler's extermination policy, which continued to the very end.

One of the factors inhibiting appreciation of the German resistance has been the cacophony of voices in which it found expression. Opponents of the regime were motivated not only by a simple concern for human rights but also by Christian, socialist, conservative and even reactionary beliefs. There is much truth to the claim that the German resistance to the Third Reich never existed in the sense of a unified group sharing common ideals.

Of all the various resistance groups, only three succeeded in developing a strategy that posed a genuine threat to the regime. These were the conservative circle around Carl Goerdeler, a former Mayor of Leipzig, and Ludwig Beck, a retired army chief of staff; the Kreisau Circle, led by Count Helmuth von Moltke and dominated by a Christian and socialist philosophy; and the regime's opponents within the military.

It was this last branch of the resistance whose motives were the clearest and whose efforts came closest to succeeding. And it was this branch that ultimately found expression in one symbolic act — for that is what the events of July 20, 1944, represented.

What was lacking above all was the actual assassin. Around August 10, 1943, however, General Tresckow (one of the leaders of the military resistance) had been introduced to a young lieutenant-colonel. The young man had been badly wounded in an air attack on the North African front in April. He had lost his right hand as well as the third and fourth fingers of his left, and he wore a black patch over his left eye. After a lengthy stay in hospital, he had asked the surgeon, Ferdinand Sauerbruch, how much longer he would need to recuperate. On hearing that two more operations and many months of convalescence would be necessary, he shook his head, saying he didn't have that much time — important things needed to be done. While still in the hospital, he explained to his uncle and close confidant Nikolaus von Uexküll, "Since the generals have failed to do anything, it's now time for the colonels." His name was Count Klaus Schenk von Stauffenberg.

Stauffenberg seemed to send an electric charge through the lifeless resistance networks as he quickly and naturally assumed a leadership role. He was familiar with all the complex religious, historical

and social reasons why nothing had been done, but he had not lost sight of the far more basic truth that there are limits to loyalty and duty. He dismissed the foreign policy concerns of almost all the other members of the resistance, simply assuming that a German government that had overthrown the Nazis would be able to negotiate a peace treaty, despite the Casablanca declaration (in which the Allies demanded unconditional surrender). Most important, he was determined to act.

Stauffenberg was a scion of the Swabian nobility. Like many other young officers, he had welcomed Hitler's nomination as Chancellor in 1933 and had agreed, in theory at least, with some of the Nazi platform, especially unification with Austria and hostility to the Treaty of Versailles. [By 1938], however, he had already begun to have serious doubts about the Nazis. "That fool is headed for war," he said. But when war was finally declared, he threw himself into his chosen profession like a devoted soldier.

Stauffenberg proved to be a brilliant staff officer and was promoted to the army high command in June 1940. At first his critical view of the regime was spurred by technical, military and nationalistic concerns. Gradually, though, moral issues came more and more to the fore, and in the end all these considerations played their part in a decision best

summarised by his laconic answer to a question asked of him in 1942, about how to change Hitler's style of leadership: "Kill him."

On July 1, 1944, Stauffenberg was promoted to the rank of colonel and simultaneously assumed his new duties as chief of staff to the commander of the reserve army, General Fromm, who had always been a vigilant, cautious, opportunistic man, whose suspicions that Stauffenberg was plotting a coup had long since hardened into certainty. It seems all the more curious, therefore, that he went to such lengths to have him appointed to his staff. Fromm may simply have wanted to use Stauffenberg, who had written a report that drew extremely laudatory reviews from

Hitler, to escape the disfavour into which he had himself fallen. "Finally a general staff officer with imagination and intelligence!" Hitler is said to have remarked. Of crucial importance to Stauffenberg was the fact that the new position gave him the access to Hitler that the conspirators had long sought.

On July 20, 1944, Stauffenberg flew into the Rastenburg airfield just Hitler's East Prussian HQ, the "Wolf's Lair".

shortly after 10am, with his co-conspirators Werner von Haeften and Helmuth Stieff. He immediately headed for the officers' mess in Restricted Area II, carrying in his briefcase only the papers he needed for the reports he was expected to give. Haeften, meanwhile, carried the two bombs in his briefcase and accompanied Stieff to OKH (army high command) headquarters. The plans called for Haeften and Stauffenberg to meet shortly before the briefing in the Wolf's Lair to exchange briefcases.

At around 11 o'clock Stauffenberg was summoned by the chief of army staff, General Walther Buhle, and after a short meeting they proceeded together to a conference with General Keitel in the OKW (Wehrmacht high

command) bunker in Restricted Area I. Here Stauffenberg learnt that on account of a visit by Mussolini, what was to have been a noon briefing with Hitler had been put back half an hour to 12.30pm. Immediately after the conference with Keitel, Stauffenberg asked the general's aide, Major Ernst John von Freyend, to show him to a room where he could wash up and change his shirt. July 20 was a hot day.

As Keitel and the other officers headed toward the briefing barracks, Stauffenberg and Haeften, who met in the corridor, withdrew into the lounge in Keitel's bunker, where Stauffenberg set about installing and arming a fuse in the first bomb. He had barely begun, however, when a telephone call came from General Felgiebel, another conspirator, who asked to speak with Stauffenberg on urgent business. Freyend sent Platoon Sergeant Werner Vogel back to the bunker to urge Stauffenberg to hurry.

As Vogel entered the lounge, he saw the two officers stowing something into one of the briefcases. He informed them of the call, adding that the others were waiting for them outside.

Meanwhile Freyend shouted from the entrance, "Stauffenberg, please come along!" With Vogel standing in the doorway, Stauffenberg closed the briefcase as swiftly as possible while Haeften swept up the papers that were lying around and stuffed them into the other briefcase.

Felgiebel's telephone call and the intrusion of Platoon Sergeant Vogel may well have determined the course of history, for it is likely that they prevented Stauffenberg from arming the fuse on the second package of explosives. No one knows why Stauffenberg did not place the second bomb in his briefcase alongside the one whose timer had already been activated, since the explosion of one would surely have set off the other as well. Stauffenberg was certainly nervous and Vogel's sudden eruption into the room must have given him a fright, but the most probable explanation for his bringing only the one bomb is that he was not fully aware of how such explosives work. Believing that a single bomb would suffice, he probably did not adequately consider the cumulative effect of two bombs. What is clear, according to all experts, is that inclusion of the second charge would have magnified the power of the blast not twofold but many times, killing everyone in the room outright.

Together with General Buhle and Major Freyend, Stauffenberg hurried out of the OKW bunker, briefcase in hand. They crossed the 350 yards to the wooden

briefing barracks, which lay behind a high wire fence in the innermost security zone. After declining for the second time Freyend's offer to carry his briefcase, Stauffenberg finally turned it over to him at the entrance to the barracks, asking to be seated as close as possible to the Führer so that he could "catch everything".

In the conference room the briefing was already under way, with General Adolf Heusinger reporting on the eastern front. Keitel announced that Stauffenberg would be giving a report, and Hitler shook the colonel's hand "wordlessly but with his usual scrutinising look". Freyend placed the briefcase near Heusinger and his assistant, Colonel Brandt, who were both standing to Hitler's right. Despite his efforts to edge closer to Hitler, Stauffenberg could only find a place at the corner of the table. His briefcase remained on the far side of the massive table leg, where Freyend had placed it. Shortly thereafter Stauffenberg left the room, whispering something indistinctly as if he had an important task to attend to.

Once outside the barracks he returned the way he had come, turning off before Keitel's bunker and heading toward the Wehrmacht adjutant building to find out where Haeften was with the car. In the signals officer's room, he found not only Haeften but Felgiebel as well. Meanwhile, back in the briefing room, Hitler was already asking for the colonel and General Buhle set out to look for him. It was just after 12.40pm.

Suddenly, as witnesses later recounted, a deafening crack shattered the midday quiet and a bluish-yellow flame rocketed skyward. Stauffenberg gave a violent start and, when Felgiebel asked weakly what the noise could be, simply shook his head. Meanwhile a dark plume of smoke rose and hung in the air over the wreckage of the briefing barracks. Shards of glass, wood and fibre board swirled about, and scorched pieces of paper and insulation rained down. The quiet that followed was broken by the sound of voices calling for doctors. Stauffenberg and Haeften climbed into the waiting car and ordered the driver to take them to the airfield. As they did so, a body covered by Hitler's cloak was carried from the barracks on a stretcher. That was probably what led them to conclude that the Führer was dead.

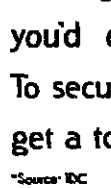
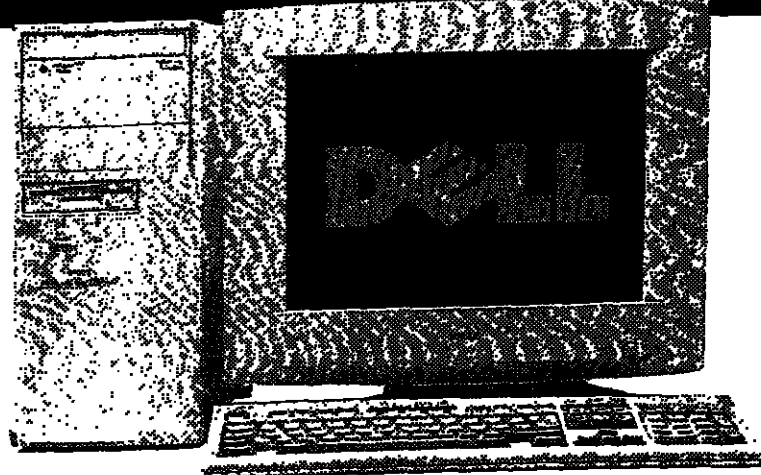
When the bomb exploded, 24 people were in the conference room. All were hurled to the ground, some with their hair in flames. Window mullions and sashes flew through the room. Hitler had just leant over the table to examine a position that Heusinger was pointing out on the map when his chair was torn from under him. His clothing, like that of all the others, was shredded; his trousers hung in ribbons down his legs. The great oak table had collapsed, its top blown to pieces. The first sound to be heard amid all the smoke and devastation was Keitel's voice, pleading "Where's the Führer?"

As Hitler stumbled to his feet, Keitel flew to him, taking him in his arms and crying, "My Führer, you're alive, you're alive!"



Stauffenberg pictured with his three children in 1940

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As Archers fans prepare to board a special cruise, Libby Purves tells of her love-hate



Archers, 1950s-style: Grace Fairbrother (played by Ysanne Churchman), left, and Phil Archer (Norman Painting); centre: Christine Archer (Pamela Mant) and Grace and Peggy Archer (Thelma Rogers), Mrs Perkins (Pauline Seville) and Jack Archer (Denis Folwell)

Somebody had to hit Shula

Even on holiday, I know with a horrible certainty that my hand will grope for the radio at five past seven. Even in mainland Europe, the habit does not fade, thanks to long-wave. Or if it does, it is only because of *Test Match Special*. We shall rage at them: "Get off! Never mind ball-by-ball commentary: we want to know whether Simon's going to hit Shula again!"

We do not care about silly mid-off, for we have much siller skills to exercise: like diagnosing an ectopic pregnancy from ten words of dialogue, or deconstructing the 18 regional accents that make up the speech of Jolene Rogers, Ambridge's answer to Dolly Parton.

What do we see in this ever more absurd radio soap, we shamefaced addicts? Our husbands and wives do not understand, our children yawn and in grumble, our flatmates slam out in

A SHAMEFACED CONFESSION

disgust. Still we demand our 15-minute fix, using the surreal banality of Ambridge to cushion us between the working day and the evening.

Sometimes, nothing happens in that quarter-hour. On other days it is filled with the tedious bellyaching of the womenfolk (some of us were thrilled when Simon hit Shula; somebody had to). On special days they oblige us with melodrama: a sequel of brakes and a shriek of "Carolinel Noooo!", or the final gurgle of Mr Pemberton, who must have seen it coming, since the scriptwriters rashly made him just too damn nice to live. Sometimes leaden comedy slumps across the stage, with some amusing (and, of course, working-class) character being a lovable rogue. Sometimes it is an

Issue. The producers clearly send one another e-mails full of these Big Issues: *Woman-priest controversy, OK - obviously, she wins in the end - bankruptcy, none for 30 years, what about Robert Snell? Poss. for Lynda to lose car, take up cycling, comic relief - NB, green message here - good! - ?? Worried about widowhood theme - not sure we made all the points about the grieving process with Shula, perhaps we could widow Caroline and they could discuss it all over again -*



Norman Painting and Patricia Greene

Kate and drugs??? anorexia? Not Aids, anyway...

There are certain technical points beloved of Archers aficionados: we enjoy the convention whereby not only do they never listen to the radio, they have not discovered the telephone. To avoid tinniness sound quality, characters are forced to open sound-effect doors with "Oh, Clarrie - about the Play-ground Committee", or "Jill - I'm glad you're in..."

Yet we are hopelessly wedded to this tosh. Some purport to take it lightly, as a

campish cult: many members of the Archers Addicts fan club have that attitude, as do certain cast members. The actor playing Mark Hebden broke ranks after his "car accident", observing: "My character was very boring, and deserved to die." Even as his stricken and IVF-pregnant wife was emoting nightly over his loss.

Yet even those who mock are listeners. It is not that we come to mock and stay to worship; we come to mock and stay to mock. But we stay. So in the end, they win. Sociologists moot the idea that we cling to soaps because we have lost our real communities, but this will not wash: too many Archers listeners are members of parish councils. Other theorists claim a harking-back to a vanished rural idyll: yet Ambridge has spent the past ten years

going on and on about grim modernity, from a young working-class mother thrown into jail to a middle-class hippy daughter who puts marijuana in her parents' dinner and then overdoses.

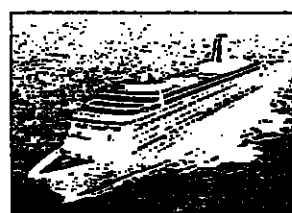
Anyone wanting the rural idyll might have to hang about for several episodes before scoring a token reference to the cow-parsley on Lakey Hill.

So never mind why. We listen because it is there, because we know the characters, because it is short. It is garden-fence gossip, formless and pointless and never-ending, but without the guilt of involving real people. We are free to ill-wish the lot of them: whining Susan, poscuse Jennifer, smug Lizzie, Brian the right-wing cad, thick Sid.

Yes, maybe that's it: we listen because we hate them so much.

LIBBY PURVES

HOW AMBRIDGE TOOK TO THE HIGH SEAS



The Oriana

LAST September a tantalising travel promotion appeared in the *Radio Times* inviting readers to "Join The Archers" on a 13-night cruise aboard P&O's Oriana.

The Oriana leaves Southampton tomorrow, and in among the 1,760 passengers there will be about 300 Ar-

chers fans. Originally fans were promised six Ambridge residents, but Eddie Grundy and Elizabeth Partridge have now joined Lynda Snell, Joe Grundy, Pat Archer, Debbie Aldridge, Mike Tucker and Kathy Perks on board.

Two books about the series will come out in the next few

months. One is written by the programme's current editor, Vanessa Whitburn, and entitled *The Archers: The Inside Story*. The other, *The Archers Story*, an unauthorised version, is by a previous editor, William Smethurst.

GRACE BRADBERRY

Sailing into a lifelong fantasy

Barbara Smith, 75, from Oxfordshire:

The Archers has a sense of place and time. It is rooted in a recognisable community. Although I have been unsettled by some of the more modish storylines that have crept in during recent years, there is still something charming about the show. I hope it never changes to the extent that older listeners are alienated.

The highlight of the cruise promises to be the black-and-white ball, for which I have bought a special outfit. I can't wait. I have been on cruises before but this one is different because my granddaughter, Pippa, is coming with me - even though she knows nothing about *The Archers*.

We will be sharing a twin-bed cabin and the overall cost is £4,000. That the stars of the show will also be on board swayed my decision to go, but meeting the cast is not my top priority.

Pippa Franklin, 18, from Long Hanborough in Oxfordshire:

I am very excited about the cruise. My friends have been mocking me for going but I don't care. What most amuses them is that I have never listened to *The Archers*. I nearly died when my grandmother asked me to go with her. I thought she was joking. I said, "Do you really need to ask?" - I am so excited.

I'll pack some smart clothes for the evening events, one or two black dresses and some more casual clothes for the various parts of call.

I feel a bit guilty about going because my mum is an *Archers* fan and she would have loved to come herself.

Robert Girling, 54, from Selkirk, Scotland:

I've listened to *The Archers* nearly every week since the 1950s. I like the way it covers different generations and they go on developing.

I am going by myself on the cruise and sharing a four-bed cabin. I imagine the shared interest in *The Archers* will be something to talk about, but I think there will be other people there besides *Archers* fans.

The character I would most like to meet is pub landlord Sid Perks, played by Alan Devereux. I'm also looking forward to meeting others who have been on the show from the beginning.

Margery Rowe, 68, from Canterbury:

As a committed follower of *The Archers* since the 1950s and a fan of cruises, this trip provides an ideal opportunity to get closer to the characters who have become almost like friends to me. This is my one big holiday of the year and I have saved hard for it.

I think that in many ways, *The Archers* carries me away

THE FANS' STORIES

from everyday cares. It is a voice of stability in a changing world. I am an ordinary middle-of-the-road person and I am English and proud of it, and *The Archers* speaks to me in a way that I understand. It is contemporary without being crass.

My favourite characters are Phil and Pat Archer: they typify my generation and share my values. I don't have a favourite episode, but for some reason I always remember the one in which they painted the cowsheds blue to deter flies.

Margaret Cotton, 63, from Birmingham:

In December last year I was diagnosed with breast cancer, and since then I have had an operation and radiotherapy. The thought of going on the cruise for *Archers* addicts with my husband kept me going.

I have never been abroad before. It has cost us about £5,500 and we still have to find our spending money. But it will be worth it. The doctors have also told me that they

we collect *Archers* memorabilia, and the thought of meeting some of the characters is the icing on the cake.

Susan Reeves, 46, from Heywood, Lancashire:

I'm going by myself. I'm divorced and don't have children. I'm not packing anything special for the trip, though I'll take my *Archers* sweatshirt.

I've been listening to *The Archers* since I was about four. My grandfather was a farmer in Lancashire, and it would be on in the kitchen. Then it was more farmers' propaganda, not like today.

I like the characters because I feel I've grown up with them. I listen every day, then again to the omnibus. But I haven't

reached the stage where I send a wreath to their funerals.

Gill Reynolds, 57, from Matlock, Derbyshire:

I'm a widow and I'm going with my partner, Tony, who's not an *Archers* fan. This is our big holiday for the year.

It's hard to pick out favourite episodes, but I liked the one with Shula and the detestable Simon Pemberton about three or four weeks ago. Joe Grundy will be interesting to see as a normal person, and Linda Snell's going to be on the boat. I hope someone sorts her out...

I like Shula, but she's so goody-goody. And I like Pat Archer, although she's a bit too feminist. I sometimes feel they've killed off too many people in the series. It's getting like *EastEnders*.



Pippa Franklin and Barbara Smith

don't want to see me until December, so everything is set up for a wonderful experience.

Hilary Fisher, 33, from Hereford:

My mother's family were all farming people and I can relate to much of what happens in *The Archers*. I grew up with the programme: my mother was a fan and so is my husband Andrew, who's coming on the cruise with me. Anyone who rings our house at five past seven in the evening gets short shrift.

This holiday is special - Andrew and I haven't had a two-week holiday since we married seven years ago. With all the extras, such as new clothes, a camcorder and cameras, it is costing something like £7,000. Although it is the cruise that attracted us,

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■ OPERA

Richard Eyre's sumptuous staging of *La Traviata* returns to the Royal Opera House
OPENS: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday



■ POP

Mellow and tender Jackson Browne strums his lonesome stuff in the Albert Hall
GIGS: Tonight, tomorrow
REVIEW: Wednesday



■ DANCE

Dame Marie Rambert's company celebrates its 70th birthday with its first Coliseum season
OPENS: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Friday



■ MUSICAL

Another *Les Mis*? Boubli and Schonberg unveil *Martin Guerre* at the Prince Edward
OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

COMEDY

Also-ran finishes first

EVEN multimillionaires get the blues. Wealthy and influential he may be in reality, yet Bill Cosby still portrays himself as one of life's friendly also-rans, bewildered by low-fat diets, forever outsmarted by his wife and children, not to mention his housekeeper.

His stand-up comedy routine drew on the same basic formula as his long-running television series, but with less of the sentimentality: flatulence and his sense of his own mortality are not exactly prime-time material. Left to his own devices, with only a chair for a prop, he was free to deliver a masterclass in low-

Bill Cosby
Albert Hall

key comic timing. Though many of his observations about domestic life are grounded in his memories of his parents and grandparents, most belong to the all-American Dagwood and Blondie tradition of marital misunderstandings. Race is never much of an issue. Cosby assumes we are grown-up enough not to need homilies about discrimination.

On the only occasion he ventured in that direction, it was in a beautifully observed sketch of his daughter's college graduation ceremony, where hard-working immigrants from Asia and Africa walk off with the best degrees and the Generation X natives strut across the stage, celebrating their underachievement. He was too genial, too avuncular to labour the point. Sometimes, it must be said, a little more grit would have been welcome.

Slightly over-long, the two-hour show lapsed into a superfluous, and not particularly original dentist's chair sequence at the very end. For most of the evening, however, Cosby had given the kind of sure-footed improvisatory performance appropriate to his slot in the newly-funked JVC Jazz & Soul Festival. Tying with subjects such as a saxophonist playing a riff, he reduced the cavernous auditorium to the cosier dimensions of a nightclub. No mean feat.

CLIVE DAVIS

Debra Craine on Rambert Dance Company's plans to mark its 70th birthday

Lion set for Coliseum

FIVE years ago the very idea of Rambert Dance Company playing the Coliseum was unthinkable. As a contemporary dance troupe sworn to eschew pointe shoes and prisms, it offered the kind of art that was lucky to fill a house half as big as the 2,300-seater Coliseum. But that was before Christopher Bruce took over as artistic director. And Bruce is not one to think small.

So this summer, with Rambert celebrating its seventieth anniversary and its return to London after a four-year absence, Bruce wanted to make a big splash. Hence the Coliseum season, which starts tomorrow night.

"The Coliseum represents a huge financial gamble for us," Bruce admits. "To take contemporary dance there, when no other British contemporary dance company has ever been to the Coliseum... But I have no doubts about the quality of this company; we are in the Coliseum because we deserve to be there. And I think we deserve audiences of around 2,000 a night."

Trying to draw larger audiences has been a priority for Bruce ever since he took charge of a revamped Rambert two years ago. A priority, since audiences just couldn't get any worse. And, with Bruce using his enhanced Arts Council funding and his bigger company to open up the repertoire to a wider variety of styles, audiences have started to come back.

"I wanted a company that could turn its hand to anything," Bruce explains. "So if you go one evening you will see one side of Rambert, another evening a totally other face. Now I think I'm drawing people who would also go to see ballet. In the past season, our second year together, we performed to more people on tour in a year than Rambert as a contemporary dance company has performed to in any previous year."

"I feel I have put the company on a certain level, drawn a certain response from audiences. The reputation is there: we're asked a lot for foreign tours. Our repertoire is very wide, we have great versatility as a company, there is plenty of strong, powerful dancing on stage and we are making a real impression internationally."

Now it's time to make a real impression on London audi-



In the two years since he took over as artistic director, Christopher Bruce has seen Rambert progress in leaps and bounds

ences, who won't recognise Rambert from its last appearance in the capital in 1992. "There is a certain artistic cachet about London that we need, and there is a huge Rambert audience in London that deserves to see us. After this season at the Coliseum I want to make it a regular thing that we come into London at least once a year and I want to expand those seasons, do specific projects for different kinds of spaces."

The seventieth anniversary season at the Coliseum has been designed to celebrate Rambert's newfound versatility and its illustrious history. There are works by outside choreographers (Jiri Kylian and Ohad Naharin), a revival of a contemporary classic from the now-defunct London Contemporary Dance Theatre (Robert Cohan's *Stabat Mater*), and a rare revival of *Dark Elegies*, which Antony Tudor created for Ballet Rambert (as it was then known) in 1937 when Rambert women all wore pointe shoes. And, as befits a company with one of the most successful choreographers in the world at its head, the work of Bruce himself will be well represented. And, yes, his ever-popular *Rooster* (set to songs by the Rolling Stones) is on the bill.

"Oh yeah, I am always under pressure to make more *Roosters*," says the man whose string of greatest hits also includes *Swansong*,

Ghost Dances and *Cruel Garden*. "But I'm hoping that the company's reputation is at a level where I can quietly experiment a little more, take more chances myself and not feel that I've got to produce the blockbusters."

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Bruce's own connection to Rambert goes back nearly 40 years. He trained at the school in 1959 and joined Rambert in 1963, when it was still a classical ballet company. After Rambert transformed itself into a contemporary dance outfit in 1966, Bruce emerged as its leading dancer; during the next 20 years he became its most important choreographer. Bruce was also the last to be nurtured by the late Marie Rambert, whom he honours with a new work, *Quicksilver*, which receives its world premiere at the Coliseum on Wednesday

night. "She was never the most far-sighted person in terms of planning and management," Bruce says. "She was all of the moment — inspiration in the studio and the theatre — but she was not able to really secure a future in the way that de Valois did for the Royal Ballet. But her love of the arts, her dedication, her ruthlessness: I wanted to pay tribute to the qualities that have kept the company alive for 70 years."

"I went back to this old sepia photograph of her as a young girl holding this straw hat, a hat she insisted on having in the photograph. It epitomised her stubborn streak. The core of the work is the fact that I am wearing the hat now. All those people who have passed through, we've all worn the hat for a while. I wanted to say something about passing on from one generation to another, a celebration of dance, but then passing on to someone else."

● Rambert Dance Company is at the Coliseum (0171-432 8300) from tomorrow night until Saturday

The British have their say

OPERA: Rodney Milnes on the premieres of new works by Peter Maxwell Davies and John Woolrich

LAST week was quite a week: two new German operas at the start of it, two new British ones at the end, not bad for a form that is supposed to be moribund. The first thing to be said about Peter Maxwell Davies's new piece to celebrate the Welsh National Opera's 50th anniversary is that he has fulfilled his commission with positively Brittenesque "usefulness" and practicability. *The Doctor of Myddfai* is on a Welsh subject, shows off the famous chorus to magnificent effect, and also gives them many small roles to sing. It is a real company show, and Friday's premiere at the New Theatre in Cardiff was conducted by the former long-serving music director Richard Armstrong and directed by David Pountney, who has had a relationship with WNO all his working life.

Pountney's libretto, despite being "set in Europe in the near future" and dealing with a tyrannical ruler, faceless bureaucrats, a mysterious disease and general beastliness to the Brits, is not based on an idea by William Cash. The source is a Welsh legend about ancient healing powers handed down through successive Doctors of Myddfai. The present Doctor goes to a 1984-ish Europe to confront the Ruler about an unacknowledged plague, infects the Ruler himself, becomes corrupted in the seat of power, and disappears to leave his 12-year-old daughter as the new Doctor.

At the centre of each short act — about 90 minutes of music in all — is a compelling dialogue between Doctor and Ruler on the subject of power and idealism strongly reminiscent of the scene for Philip II and Posa in *Don Carlos*; each is cogently set by Maxwell Davies in his late, fished-down style, each the centrepiece of an expertly structured two-part musical-dramatic whole. Maxwell Davies is not shy of the big operatic gesture: the scene of fervent Welsh hymn-singing interrupting the bureaucrats' deliberations packs a huge punch, and each act builds to a stirring climax.

If there have to be problems in so concise and ambitious a work, then they are to do with audibility. The composer slips into Shostakovich-ironic mode for the bureaucratic scenes — much shrieking woodwind — and this combined with his angular, slightly mechanical word-setting means that too much text goes missing. Composer and librettist are doubtless addressing the problem.

I wasn't too sure about the grey, modernistic Huntley/Muir decor, but Pountney's production certainly gripped the first-night audience and there are two fabulous central

performances. Paul Whelan's Doctor has authentic fervour and suggests creeping corruption with uncomfortable vividness: the scene in which, dressed as a woman, he infects the Ruler is decidedly unsettling. Gwynne Howell's Ruler is, like Verdi's Philip II, much more than a conventional villain, a figure of awareness and depth. They make a compelling pair of constantly shifting antagonists. The many supporting roles are taken with enthusiasm.

It was bad luck on John Woolrich that his first opera, *In the House of Crossed Desires*, commissioned for



Cardiff premiere: Gwynne Howell and Paul Whelan

Music Theatre Wales to open the Cheltenham Festival, should have been premiering the following evening (at the Everyman Theatre) — comparisons can only be odious. Marina Warner's libretto is inspired by Apuleius's *The Golden Ass* and seen through the prism of the *commedia dell'arte*. Girl-dressed-as-boy (Columbine), overprotective guardian-magician (Pantaleone), Harlequin-turned-into-donkey, Mezzetin-dressed-as-girl, two further roles, all performed by a cast of four women. Not so much gender-confusion as gender-yawn. The action ends abruptly with the intervention of a *dea ex machina*, and one is simply left wondering "so what?"

Warner's text is bluntly phrased, and there is not much that Woolrich's easy, natural word-setting can do with it. The picaresque action suggests speed and dash, but the score proceeds at an unvarying moderate and for all the engaging colour he draws from just five players remains defiantly undramatic. This defeated the director Michael McCarthy: none of the characters sprang to theatrical life. The cast (Susan Gorton, Adey Grummet, Debra Stuart and Buddug Verona James) worked themselves silly to little avail. Michael Rafferty conducted as best he could.

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■ If we don't believe in God, what possible foundation do we have for civil order?

It has been odd, in recent weeks, to find Nigel Lawson and George Carey almost in one another's embrace. Nigel Lawson has been writing in *The Times* pleading the cause of atheism. She said she was brought up as an atheist and that, for her, atheism is more than a failure to be persuaded of another's creed: it is almost a creed in itself. It becomes a belief system carrying values of its own, values we can live by.

Values that we can live by have been a theme of Dr Carey's recent public statements too. He has been arguing the need for morality in modern Britain, and suggesting in particular that we should rediscover moral objectivism — a confidence that right and wrong are not just a matter of personal opinion, but objective facts.

It does not escape our notice, however, that Dr Carey is the Archbishop of Canterbury. As the head (after the Queen) of the Church of England and the closest Anglican believer can find to God's representative on Earth, the Archbishop is not a disinterested party in the matter of objective moral systems, for he is here to recommend one, a particular one. You could call it Christian Truth. It starts from the assertion of the existence of a deity, and proceeds to argue that this divine being has ordained a system of morality, the "truth" (or authority) of which springs from its ordination by this God.

The deity remains the essential, the original fact: and what this God has ordained to be our duty becomes our duty not because it will make us happier (though it may), nor because it offers a system of morality conducive to social stability, contentment and civic order (though it may), but because it is the divine will. Were it the case (as some readings, including mine, of Jesus's thought suggest) that this God would have us subvert social stability, murder contentment and wreck civic order, that would not make the morality any less divine or undermine its power to command.

One cannot, therefore, argue backwards from the apparent workability of a divinely ordained system of morality to its truth, its righteousness, its authority, or to the existence of the deity. Tribal religions with their accompanying moral systems may work well, but that does not mean they are true or that their gods exist. Dr Carey and his bishops have their opinions about the morals we should live by — may be able to describe a system of human obligation which would work very well for Britain — but their authority to describe it can flow only from their claimed acquaintance with the divine will.

We should look out for two sleights of hand here. One is the attempt to import the divine will into moral pronouncements without actually mentioning it. Thus, bishops may implicitly claim (without stating the claim) to have a special authority for their pronouncements, omitting to remind their audience that only those who believe in their God should accord them this authority. Or they may try the opposite trick and seek to invest authority in their God by persuading us of the workability of their morality: "Britain needs this morality; my God has ordained this morality; therefore worship my God."

Bishops try both tricks. The second ("mankind cries out for it; therefore God wills it; therefore God") was most coherently and honestly set out by the great Bishop Joseph Butler two-and-a-half centuries ago, and is today feebly echoed in a kindly but confused way, with less candour or coherence. Very often in modern times the argument backwards from the desirability of morals to the existence of a divine morality has become a subconscious attempt by doubting clerics to persuade themselves of the truth of their calling. Though I cannot see into the mind of Tony Blair, I fear this is true of many Christian socialists.

But what of Nigel Lawson? You may remember we left her in the embrace of George Carey. Nigel Lawson too has argued from the workability of a belief in its truth. Protesting her own disbelief in God (which I share), she goes on to say that this is not an absence of belief, but a conviction — an alternative, humanistic belief-system of its own, and a very workable one.

This, a rather Shavian view, is a dangerous jump. I am writing this in Derbyshire on Sunday, on the working assumption that News International at Wapping has not been hit by a meteorite, in which case my thoughts will not be required. However, it is only in the sense that I should be amazed to discover the opposite that this is a "conviction". If it became an article of faith that there could be no meteorite, my grip on reality would be the weaker.

It may be true (as I think that Nigel and I have found rules to live by without God. But this does not mean that God does not exist. It could equally be the case that the loss of faith spreading throughout mankind will utterly destroy moral systems and social stability, and finally wreck human order. This would not mean that atheism was a mistake. It would mean that civil order can be securely founded only upon a lie.

Our workforce is said to lack education, yet the evidence shows the contrary, writes Tim Congdon

One of Britain's great weaknesses in international economic competition is supposed to be the inadequate skills of its labour force. As part of the current debate about Britain's position in the world, this proposition has become very familiar. An example is provided by the World Economic Forum's recent annual rankings of "competitiveness". Overall, Britain had moved up a few places to stand higher than Germany, France and Italy, but is still far behind its neighbours in education and training.

The Labour Party has expressed particular concern. Tony Blair's new manifesto, *New Labour, New Life for Britain*, claims that "we have too little investment in the application of new technologies, education and skills" and adds: "Foreign investors are concerned about the poor level of our skills and education." The Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, is interested in theories of so-called "endogenous growth", which focus on the role played by increases in "human capital" in raising national output and living standards. He and other Labour politicians argue that Britain invests too little in human capital, as distinct from physical capital such as buildings and equipment.

A doctrine which appeals to both the World Economic Forum, an international gathering of business-minded eminent persons, and Mr Brown, a socialist politician, must surely have some substance. Much is undoubtedly wrong with Britain's education system and its vocational training, as with most countries'. But is it really true that we particularly suffer from ill-educated and under-skilled workers? Is this an unsatisfactory aspect uniquely of Britain's economy and society?

If workers in this country were on average less well-educated than elsewhere, Britain ought to have lost

ground most heavily in business activities in which human capital is at a premium. In other words, its share of world production ought to have fallen in industries in which skills, experience and the powers to reason and innovate are most important, and to have been maintained or increased where production depends on labour or the constant repetition of the same task.

But that is not at all the case. Although Britain has lost market share in many industries over the past 30 years, its record is far from one of uniform failure. In some areas it has gained ground against the competition. Contrary to the World Economic Forum/Gordon Brown orthodoxy, these areas of relative strength have usually been knowledge-and-skill-intensive. They have required large inputs of human capital, not major investments in plant, equipment and buildings.

One of the most striking international successes has been in pharmaceuticals. In the early 1970s, the British pharmaceutical industry had a surplus in international trade, but it was a long way behind its German and Swiss counterparts. Moreover, the leading German pharmaceutical companies had grown far more rapidly in the 25 years after the Second World War than the British.

But since the 1970s, British pharmaceutical companies have developed a more profitable list of new drugs and enjoyed higher growth of

sales revenue than their European neighbours. They have in fact done particularly well compared with the German competitors, with Glaxo Wellcome now the largest pharmaceutical company in the world. By contrast, 25 years ago Glaxo was a relatively minor player. Now, its employees are paid an average of some £37,000 a year.

This success has been largely based on the knowledge and insights of research chemists — in other words, on the high quality of the human capital at work. Given the performance of this part of British industry over the past 25 years, it would obviously be absurd to claim that it operates with human capital inferior to that in other countries. There is a warning here against a misplaced national neurosis about our alleged "under-education".

Many international companies in a wide range of industries locate the most highly skilled and research-intensive parts of their operations in Britain, and have been doing so increasingly in the past few years. A common pattern is that design and marketing, which rely on high-quality human capital, are carried out in Britain, whereas production, dependent on machines and low-quality human capital, is done elsewhere. In particular, critics of Britain's supposed "under-education", particularly in modern

high-tech activities, might puzzle about the abundance of computer skills here. The level of personal computer ownership per head is higher in Britain than in Germany, France or Italy.

One branch of economic activity is based, perhaps more than any other, on individuals' skill and judgment, on the application of human capital rather than the repetition of routine tasks on machines. This is financial services. In such businesses as banking, insurance underwriting, and bond, equity and foreign exchange trading, huge risks have to be appraised and taken every day. The sums of money at stake are often enormous multiples of the salaries that the employees are being paid. Almost everything depends on the accuracy of the judgments they make and their skill in execution. But apart from a few computers and items of office equipment, machinery is still virtually irrelevant.

If Britain were deficient in human capital, it ought to lag behind other countries in international financial services. In fact, the financial services industries in the City of London, and in some smaller regional centres such as Edinburgh, are acknowledged world leaders. Moreover, the evidence is overwhelming that these human-capital-intensive industries are expanding rapidly compared to other industries in this country. Their growth is not being constrained by a shortage of suitably qualified people. An estimate of the precise number

of people working in "the City" depends on how it is defined. Nevertheless, a reasonable view is that the high-value-added, high-income international financial services that distinguish the modern City employ about 300,000 people today, compared to about 175,000 in the early 1970s. It is well-known, even notorious, that City incomes are high by British standards; they are also probably the highest — in a well-defined walk of life — anywhere in Europe.

The annual New Earnings Survey has been tracking incomes in different industries and for different types of worker for 28 years. In 1968, the average gross salary for a full-time non-manual male in Great Britain was £1,648 a year, whereas in the City it was £1,906. Last year, the figure for Great Britain was £23,052, but in the City it had soared to £40,986. It may now be heading towards £45,000 a year. Rudi Muller, who used to be the chief executive of UBS in London, has complained about high salaries and costs in the City. Apparently, if surprisingly, typical banking incomes in Zurich and Geneva are lower. But to suggest that high salaries will undermine the City is rather like criticising the restaurant which is so full no one goes there any more.

Britain is not under-educated and under-skilled. Labour's valid complaint is not the lack of human capital in this country, but the unevenness of its distribution. Many City dealers and Glaxo chemists now earn incomes which are several times above the national average. But the Labour Party yet learnt that the best way to make incomes more equal is to bring the national average closer to City and Glaxo standards, rather than taxing success and subsidising failure?

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I'm a guru; are you one too?

Peter Riddell says Blair has learnt from American experience, not continental theory

Tony Blair is proving an elusive target for the Tories. After wasting two years firing off in all directions, Tory strategists have refocused on a new, and, they claim, equally dangerous beast. They are portraying Mr Blair as an importer of continental social democratic ideas. But he has already shifted his position, to the dismay of left-wing intellectuals.

The Conservatives' dilemma is highlighted by *Blair's Gurus*, a new study of the intellectual roots of Blairism, written by David Willetts, the Public Services Minister who is the Tory leadership's resident ideologist and part-time media briefer. The pamphlet, which will go to all Tory MPs, is the intellectual arm of the "New Labour, New Danger" campaign so clumsily launched last week.

Mr Willetts has written an elegant and incisive analysis of books by eight academics, politicians and journalists: John Gray, Will Hutton, John Kay, Frank Field, Simon Jenkins, Andrew Marr, Peter Mandelson and David Marquand. The eight do not agree on everything and Simon Jenkins is not even remotely a Blairite. But together they have shaped centre-left beliefs, such as that social cohesion is threatened and insecurity increased by globalisation and flexible labour markets, that British capitalism is short-termist, that control of the public sector has been centralised to an unprecedented extent since 1979, that Britain's constitution needs to be drastically modernised, and that Britain should adopt the continental model of social capitalism.

These views are depicted as somehow un-British since they reject our distinctive and individualist traditions and prefer continental social



democracy of c.1960-80. Mr Willetts has a point in distinguishing between the Anglo-American model of capitalism and what is trenchantly known as the Rhineland, or Rhenish, model. He also demolishes some of the more exaggerated arguments about insecurity and the defects of British capitalism, especially since Germany and France are trying to liberalise their markets.

However, Mr Willetts is criticising the wrong people, and exaggerating the importance of these gurus. Several have certainly influenced the general debate on the Left, and Mr Blair has paid attention to the views of John Gray, John Kay and Frank Field; but Peter Mandelson, who is on the list because of the book he wrote with Roger Liddle — *The Blair Revolution* — is more of an apologist for Blairism than a guru.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

The real story would tell of Mr Blair's distance from these gurus rather than his closeness to them. The largely unapologetic broadsheet between the Left's thinkers and Mr Blair was vividly illustrated by an article in yesterday's *Observer*. The paper is edited by one of the eight, Hutton, and he was joined by another four, Field, Gray, Kay and Marquand. They argue that "the programme so far championed [by Mr Blair] falls far short of what is required. The risk is not in doing too little. Rather it lies in doing too little." Marquand has complained that "new" Labour seems "stuck in the traditional British rut of piecemeal, voluntary incrementalism, buttressed by a traditional British

unwillingness to learn from continental Europe".

The disenchantment is mutual. Some of Mr Blair's key advisers are scathing about what they see as the patronising and out-of-touch attitudes of some of the gurus. It is partly Mr Blair's own fault. Last January, when he began talking about the "stakeholder society", he initially failed to make clear that what he meant was a general idea of social inclusion and One Nation, rather than new statutory rights. He wants to encourage businesses voluntarily to take a broader view of their responsibilities, but does not back the Hutton-Marquand view that the legal structure of companies and financial institutions should be changed.

Apart from moral philosophers such as John Macmurray, Mr Blair is influenced more by clever, practical

people such as Derry Irvine, the Shadow Lord Chancellor who gave him his first start as a barrister, than by theorising intellectuals. He has recently written of his wariness of grand intellectual plans.

Insofar as Mr Blair has gurus, they are from across the Atlantic. Amitai Etzioni, the American advocate of communitarianism, has adopted "new" Labour thinking on social responsibilities and its policies on law and order and the family. Even more influential on both Mr Blair and Gordon Brown have been architects of President Clinton's economic policies, such as Robert Reich and Larry Summers. They stress social benefits, work incentives and skills training as the route to job creation and growth, which Mr Brown views as more important than traditional debates about the level of the exchange rate.

But Tony Blair's political approach has been affected by the failures, as well as the successes, of Mr Clinton. This is partly tactical (the need never to be distracted from the "message") and partly strategic (the need to address the worries of ordinary working people. Middle America or England). Here the guides are American political advisers such as James Carville and commentators such as E.J. Dionne (whose thesis is summarised in the current *New Statesman*).

Blairism is less than some left-wing intellectuals would like, or Mr Willetts claims. Apart from constitutional reform — significantly omitted from Labour's five key pledges in England, but not in Scotland and Wales — Blairism consists of promising small, incremental improvements, rather than far-reaching visions of social or economic upheaval. It offers a kinder, gentler version of Majorism, with a fresh management team. Of course, there are many doubts and questions about how it would work in practice. But that promise is perhaps what voters want, and it is why Mr Blair is such a hard target for the Tories to hit.

Blair's Gurus by David Willetts, MP, costs £7.50 from the Centre for Policy Studies, 52 Rochester Row, London SW1P 1JU.

Music all

WHILE Wembley reverberated on Saturday night to the Three Tenors, Westminster danced to a different tune. Betty Boothroyd was reliving her days as a Tiller girl. Madam Speaker joined hands with Shirley Bassey and Elaine Paige and sang lustily in a farewell tribute to Sir Fergus Montgomery, the retiring Tory MP for Altrincham and Sale.

The music-hall sing-song at a dinner for Sir Fergus also featured



an appearance from the lustily voiced cabaret artiste Barbara Cook, a sucker for sequins. But it was Madam Speaker, in jaunty leg-kicking form, who stole the show when the group burst into a six-hanky performance of *Every Time You Say Goodbye*.

Sir Fergus, fondly regarded as the Member for Broadway and the West End, was reluctant yesterday to discuss the evening, which was attended by some 80 friends. "It was a private party, and that's all there is to say about it. Shirley is an old friend of mine and it was my last party. Numbers were obviously limited." All those thousands who got soaked watching the Three Tenors bid farewell must be scrunching their sore sheets with frustration.

Double billed

THEY may have organised the Olympics with aplomb, but the Catalans' reputation for efficiency collapsed last week when architects from across the globe rioted at the World Architecture Congress.

been sold for a conference offering only 2,000 seats. Police lost control of a simmering mob of architects outside the hall. It was only when Sir Norman Foster agreed to address the baying crowd of builders that order was restored.

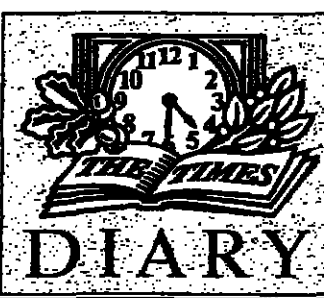
Think pink

A GLORIOUS dawn beckons tomorrow, for the chiffon queen Dame Barbara Cartland will be 95. She plans to celebrate quietly with her sons at home, although she enjoyed a vast birthday cake (with pink icing laid on with a trowel) at a party a few days ago.

Clouding the festivities, however, is the royal divorce. She believes the Princess of Wales has been shabbily treated. "I sent her one of my books for her 35th birthday, and received a thank-you letter by return. But I do wonder if she received anything from the Royal Family."

Celebrations for her 95th will be "pink, pink, pink," she says. "I'm still writing a book a fortnight. I may be dead before next year but I have a lot to do before I die."

● The best seat in Paris yesterday at Versace's fashion show was occupied by Lisa Marie Presley, the



Ms Presley can't be described as a clothes-horse, but now that the Duchess of York is stomping the catwalk, anything can happen. So Versace has signed up Lisa Marie for his next advertising campaign.

Evening wear

AMID the clashing garish shirts that Nelson Mandela plans to wear for his state visit to Britain this week nestles a comparatively sober number: a black, shiny affair with long sleeves.

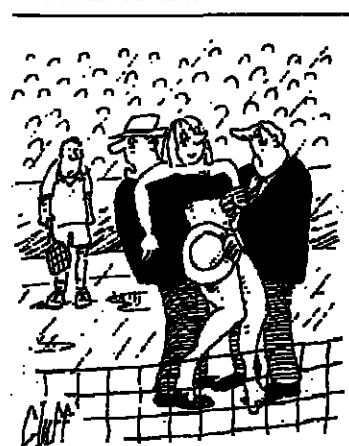
The President's aides tell me that this is his chosen attire for the white-tie state banquet at Buckingham Palace. He will not wear white-tie, so he wears this instead. He buttons it to the top and wears it without a tie. He looked smart in it

hannenburg with Queen Noor of Jordan.

For pre-prandial drinks, Buckingham Palace would be well advised to invest — against its better judgment — in the sweetest sherry it can find. Mandela is no toper, but he loves the odd glass of sherry, and the sweeter the better.

My, my

FRANTIC sucking of boiled sweets took place in the royal box yesterday as Wimbledon's Centre Court witnessed its first streaker. The



young lady who took to the court in a G-string and pinaflore brought roars of laughter from the Duke of Kent. Others in the box modestly diverted their interest by rooting around in the royal sweet bag.

"Boiled sweets in the royal box is a tradition going back to the days of Fred Perry and beyond," explained a Centre Court veteran. Which puts paid to those who had expressed their concern that the Duchess of Kent had plumbed new depths of informality for the Royal Family by chewing gum when she handed out prizes after the women's final. No, it wasn't gum, at all. In skittish mode, the Duchess was getting the best out of a flavoursome humbug.

Family show

SIX GENERATIONS ON, the Constables are still painting. In Oxford, Sasha Constable, 25, who is the great great grand-daughter of John Constable, has just opened her first solo exhibition at the Loco Gallery.

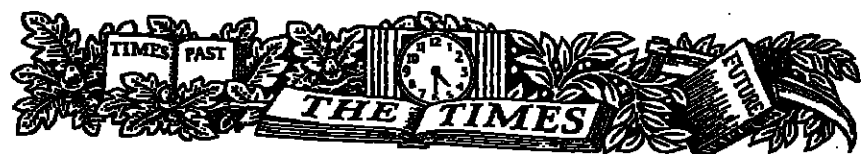
"There's been an artist in every generation since John Constable painted *The Haywain*," she says. "My father's an artist and I'm carrying on the tradition." With a degree in sculpture behind her, she describes her work as surreal, and



Art in the genes: Sasha

forebear would have appreciated her efforts. But she was drawn irresistibly towards the easel because she was brought up with Constable memorabilia. "His drawings, his paint-brushes, easels and palettes," she says. "We've even got his baby-rattle." Don't tell the Getty Museum.

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THE TORY GAUNTLET

How Clarke could help to win the election

When Kenneth Clarke said yesterday that his chances of delivering significant tax cuts before the general election were "not very good", he was not just engaging in the Treasury's traditional game of deflating Budget expectations. Nor was he throwing away the Government's last hope of winning the general election. The Chancellor was facing up to the realities of responsible financial management. The Treasury's updated forecasts, to be published tomorrow, will show public borrowing far exceeding the targets set in the Budget and revenues falling well short of expectations, even without any tax cuts.

Britain's consumers and businesses seem already to have already helped themselves to a substantial tax cut — by finding ways of avoiding the payment of VAT and corporation tax. The distribution of these unintended tax cuts has certainly not been fair. The more the Government can do to close loopholes in the tax legislation, the more scope there will be for broadly distributed reductions in tax rates that would benefit everybody. But the lost revenues must be recovered before they can be given out.

Against this background, the more doggedly Mr Clarke pursues his plans to control public borrowing and spending, the more he will help the Government's re-election chances and sow confusion in Labour's ranks. Voters are unlikely to be much impressed by the promise of future Tory tax cuts, which many will in any case discount as a pre-election ploy. The threat of higher taxes under Labour would probably be a more effective electoral weapon.

Mr Clarke's best strategy for the Budget — not only in economic, but also in political terms — might not be to cut taxes but to stress the importance of controlling public borrowing. If he could also identify further substantial reductions in government spending, he could then challenge Labour to

endorse his spending cuts or to come out into the open with plans for higher taxes and borrowing. This rigorous approach, which seems to be finding favour among some Tory strategists, would do more to put Labour on the spot than a Dutch auction over taxes which might simply confirm in the eyes of the public — and the financial markets — that they are witnessing a desperate Government in its last throes.

By continuing to chip away at both public borrowing and spending, Mr Clarke would contribute to the growing confidence in the fundamental health of the British economy. "I have this vision that by the end of the century Britain could have the best economy in Western Europe," Mr Clarke said yesterday. To persuade voters to share that vision, rather than to bribe them with tax cuts, must now be the Tories' main political task.

Tax rates will not be the main factor in the voters' assessment of the Tory economic record. Far more important than a penny or two off taxes will be the public's general feeling of economic wellbeing and the sense that, without a change of government, prosperity might turn out to be sustainable for the long term. With the economy regaining momentum, consumer confidence improving and unemployment slowly but surely coming down, the first glimmers of a Tory political recovery are finally appearing in the polls.

With no more than ten months to go before the election, the odds must still be against the Government. There may simply be too little time for the spreading sense of economic wellbeing to make up for the Government's many blunders and to overcome the generalised hostility and boredom among voters. Nevertheless, the Government's best chance of staying in power would lie in a well-timed, and well argued, Tory appeal to the innate caution of the British public: "Don't let Labour ruin it."

SANDPAPER AND SILK

Two contrasting approaches to new Labour

Last week Brian Mawhinney unveiled his "new Labour, new danger" theme, and in so doing demonstrated that comedy is not a second career option for him. Now, as Peter Riddell describes on the opposite page, David Willetts has produced an erudite and elegant essay, *Blair's Gurus*, which attacks the philosophical foundations of new Labour. The contrast between the two men and their respective approaches could not be sharper.

Not since Norman Tebbit in his heyday has a politician courted a "hard man" reputation in the manner of Dr Mawhinney. Here is a man who would cross a 14-lane motorway at rush hour to pick a fight. No morning is complete without the digestion of both babies and *Today Programme* presenters. Having caused hell at the Department of Health and terror at the Department of Transport, he now brings his inimitable style to Conservative Central Office.

In many respects the Doctor has already outperformed the fabled Lord Tebbit. Thousands used to testify that in private the Chingford skinhead was a gentle and generous creature; few seem willing to say the same for the Peterborough pugilist. "New Labour, new danger" is an appeal based on unadulterated fear: a victory for Tony Blair at the next election would lead to economic collapse, constitutional catastrophe, an end to civilisation as we know it — and all in the first Queen's Speech. After which the Queen would probably be

abolished as well. As a tactic in the last phase of the campaign this could have been effective. As a central weapon of attack it is blunt and unwieldy, not unlike the manner of the Chairman himself.

David Willetts prefers a somewhat higher plane. The former think-tank supremo is happier with the battle of ideas rather than with rows over advertising schedules and stubbornly low poll numbers. An amiable and intelligent man, resembling a cross between a choir boy and a *Thunderbirds* pilot, he often looks out of place in the Westminster hurly burly. Willetts is the Tories' in-house philosopher. A man who knows his Hayek from his Hegels, and can pronounce profoundly on whether life is really nature, nurture, or Nietzsche. Whenever the Conservatives are trapped in the intellectual trenches, the solution is always the same. Get Willetts to whip up a pamphlet and send it over the parapet. His latest efforts follow a distinguished line, and will not be his last.

The difference between the two styles — sandpaper and silk — is as striking as their place in Mr Major's own armoury. For, in comparison with his chairman, Mr Major is a sensitive soul and not even his best friends would describe him as an aspiring ideological theorist. Politics makes for strange bed fellows. From now until polling day we can be certain to see much more from Dr Mawhinney with his chainsaw and Mr Willetts with his thinking cap.

IN ANOTHER JULY

When brave Germans battled alone against Hitler

In politics, tyrannicide is the ultimate test of moral courage. Pagan and Christian philosophers down the centuries taught that the killing of a ruler could be justified only in the direst extremity. If any tyrant deserved that fate it was Hitler. His regime's evil deeds still shape our world. Hence interest in the German opposition to the Nazis, and especially the bomb plot which so nearly killed him on July 20, 1944, is keener than ever. In Germany, the courts are only now considering a formal pardon for Stauffenberg and other conspirators.

This week, *The Times* carries extracts from Joachim Fest's *Plotting Hitler's Death*, which will be published in the autumn. In the light of his indictment of the British failure to support the July plot, we too may wish to reconsider our wartime record.

In the second part of our series, tomorrow, Fest will argue that British leaders, including Chamberlain, Eden and Churchill, not only ignored overtures from German resistance circles, but were actively hostile. The British treated these brave patriots as dishonourable traitors, even to the point at which "Nazi propagandists and Allied spokesmen joined forces in a *de facto* coalition to belittle the accomplishments of the resistance and disparage its motives".

Fest also blames the Allied refusal to contemplate a negotiated peace. At the end of the First World War, President Wilson had offered moderate Germans a basis for negotiation, and helped to bring about a German political and military collapse. But when in 1943 Churchill and Roosevelt reaffirmed at Casablanca the Allied policy of unconditional surrender, they only isolated the German opposition still further.

Fest dismisses as inadequate the con-

ventional justifications offered by apologists for the British decision to "cold-shoulder" Hitler's opponents: Churchill's exclusive concentration on the war effort, and fear of jeopardising the Soviet alliance. But Fest is probably right to see these reasons as pretexts with which the Government justified a misguided policy, rather than a sufficient rationale.

One cannot divorce British policy, however, from the policymakers' deep-seated suspicion of the German officer class. Ludendorff and Hindenburg had, after all, established the Army's domination of German politics. Some of the opposition bore names like Moltke, Yorck and Bismarck, famous in the annals of Prussian military glory. They were mostly either officers or bureaucrats — servants of the Nazi regime.

There was a genuine credibility gap, which British Intelligence manifestly failed to fill. With hindsight, it would clearly have been wiser to have taken the emissaries of the German opposition seriously, and to have offered them the very limited encouragement they requested. As so often, British leaders were fighting the wrong war. The Nazis were not identical with the Prussian military, though they drew on its mythology; by 1944, the habit of submitting to Hitler had undermined the German army's code of honour. To a Churchill, the moral calculus which led a Stauffenberg to kill Hitler was alien: assassins could not be martyrs.

Many of these rebels were young and aristocratic, but one should not glamorise their sacrifice. Few realised that German nationalism could not survive Hitler's war. But whatever their motives, the men and women of the German resistance helped to redeem their nation and humanity.

RSPCA membership and its attitude towards hunting

From Dr Richard D. Ryder

Sir, Lord Mancroft's letter (July 1) defending the British Field Sports Society's attempt to infiltrate the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with blood sports enthusiasts is shot through with inconsistency. The objects of the RSPCA are to prevent cruelty and promote kindness. How can blood sports be consistent with these?

What is even more extraordinary is the attitude of the Charity Commissioners in advising the RSPCA that it cannot lawfully keep out such entryists. It is surely quite absurd that a national body of the importance of the RSPCA should be forced to allow itself to be infiltrated by its opponents. What sane business would allow this to happen? If this is indeed the law then clearly the law needs changing.

My motion at the society's recent AGM (report, July 1) was an attempt to address this problem. Another, even stranger, aspect of charity law is that it does not recognise animal welfare as a charitable object. This archaic view is entirely out of touch with modern public opinion and puts animal welfare charities into an impossible position as regards fundraising. For the Charity Commissioners to tell the RSPCA that it cannot campaign for animal welfare (which it has been doing since 1824) is a total nonsense. Again, the law needs changing.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD D. RYDER
(Council Member),
RSPCA,
Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex.
July 1.

From Mr Michael Sissons

Sir, It is monstrous that, in one of the world's great charities, a tiny and extreme faction should claim the moral high ground.

I am told that at the recent AGM of the RSPCA Dr Richard Ryder, the leading animal rights intellectual in this country, referred to the Charity Commissioners as "bloated bureaucrats" and, predictably, to the law as an ass.

The only possible construction that can be put on this is that he and his supporters are indignant that the commissioners have placed restrictions on animal rights campaigning and activism by the RSPCA.

Aerial archaeology

From the Secretary and Chief Executive of the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England

Sir, As the crops begin to ripen, the signs are that this summer promises to be another bumper season for aerial archaeology, every bit as productive as 1995.

Drought is now affecting the whole of England to the east of a line from the Tyne to the Severn, and many new archaeological sites are expected to become visible for the first time.

It is therefore cruelly frustrating that the funds for aerial survey are stretched as thinly as your recent report suggests (June 26). It is in the capricious nature of the crops that the form over buried ditches and walls that they may be visible only fleetingly. This transience is tantalising, especially for those grounded for lack of money.

NHS efficiency

From the Chairman of the Council of the British Medical Association

Sir, My colleague Russell Hopkins (letter, July 2) criticises me for seeking more adequate funding for the National Health Service, although he acknowledges that "the current financial year will be a desperately difficult one" in our "efficient health service", owing not least to an assumption of illusory efficiency savings. Strange logic, surely.

However, I agree with my colleague that part of the answer lies in using existing resources more effectively. In my speech to the annual representative meeting of the BMA on June 24, I asked that we be allowed to do just this: "Allocating resources on the basis of need and outcome and determining priorities rationally and equitably."

I also welcomed the means to this end which the Department of Health and the professions have developed together in recent years, including the National Centre for Clinical Audit housed at the BMA.

But can anyone deny chronic underfunding in the NHS in relation to both need and educated expectations when the evidence of health professionals and managers speaks for itself? Is it unreasonable to ask for a phased boost in funding to the mean of the expenditure of comparator countries as a percentage of available wealth?

Does Russell Hopkins really believe that there would be no major health gain from backing our uniquely efficient health service with the people and resources to make our nation fit for the future?

Yours faithfully,

A. W. MACARA,

Chairman of Council,

British Medical Association,

Tavistock Square, WCI.

July 2.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

The only possible construction that can be put on the attempts by the RSPCA to restrict membership of the society to those who agree with them is that they know that on a level playing field their arguments will not prevail.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SISSONS,
Peters Fraser & Dunlop,
503/4 The Chambers,
Chelsea Harbour, SW10.
July 4.

From Mr Elliot Morley, MP for Gleanford and Scunthorpe (Labour)

Sir, Libby Purves may be impressed by Penny Mowbray's Leave Country Sports Alone group ("The cruelty of kindness", July 2), but the Labour Party is more discerning. After considering their leaflets circulated at a Labour conference, delegates voted unanimously for a free vote on the abolition of these activities.

Lord Mancroft says that the British Field Sports Society forms the largest number of dog and horse owners in the country and manages "most of Britain's wildlife and a large proportion of its farm animals". There is not the slightest evidence to support this.

Nor can I fathom his claims that support for a ban on blood sports is falling. Every test of public opinion I am aware of disputes that. Even angles demonstrated in a poll in *Angling Times* that 91 per cent would have nothing to do with the BFSS.

I believe that the effect of BFSS entryism will just boost the RSPCA's membership with those who will now join to show their support for it.

Labour's experience has shown that entryism will always fail when it does not command majority support.

Yours sincerely,

E. A. MORLEY

(Spokesperson for Animal Welfare),

House of Commons.

July 2.

From the Director General of the RSPCA

Sir, Last year the RSPCA rescued more than 6,000 animals from dangerous situations. We investigated 110,175 complaints and received more than 12 million phone calls.

I cannot think of a clearer way to explain to Libby Purves that the RSPCA

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OBITUARIES

RAY HOWARD-JONES



Ray Howard-Jones, artist, died in London on June 25 aged 93. She was born in Lambourn, Berkshire, on May 30, 1903.

WHETHER sitting sketching amid clouds of seabirds on a Welsh island or entertaining in the garden of her west London home, Ray Howard-Jones impressed all who met her with her tenacity of spirit. In weather which would have most visitors to her haunts on the Pembrokeshire coast muffling up, she would peel off her clothes and plunge naked into the Atlantic swells, careless of passing visitors to the spot. At times she seemed like some tutelary spirit of the Welsh shore, so at home was she with its seals, seafoam and large (but harmless) basking sharks.

Her creative life had been a long one, beginning at the Slade in the 1920s and taking her through a period as a war artist — one of the few women to make a mark in that sphere — to a series of exhibitions from the 1950s onwards. Her career had its ebbs and flows, and she had for a period of twenty years from 1970 known neglect (though not in Wales). But in the very last few years all this had changed, with an exhibition of her work organised by Rocket Contemporary Art in Cork Street, London, in 1994 and a touring exhibition of her later seascapes in the following year. A second London exhibition, *The Two Rays*, at the Rocket Gallery in 1994 celebrated her association with the photographer Raymond Moore, with whom she shared a close relationship for twenty years in the 1950s and 1960s.

She was born Rosemary Howard-Jones at her father's racing stables on the Berkshire Downs, but at the age of two moved to her grandfather's house in Penarth, where she was looked after by two guardians. Her first sketches were of the shores of the Bristol Channel, the landscapes of the Vale of Glamorgan and, later, of Tenby where she was taken on a visit at the age of 12 and fell in love with the majestic coastline of West Wales.

In 1920 she entered the Slade School of Art, where she came to the notice of Philip Wilson Steer, who became a firm admirer of her gifts as a colourist. Henry Tonks, the Slade Professor, was



Gateholm from my Cliff, gouache and pastel, 1980s

seldom in a mood to be indulgent to her, but as she realised, there was a compliment implicit in his acerbity. He recognised that she was a serious artist and not simply a little rich girl treating the Slade as a finishing school. In 1923 she gained her London University Fine Art Diploma and her oil painting *Christ on the Road to Calvary* won the Summer Composition prize.

In 1925 she returned to Penarth to care for her guardian May Purnell, who had in her turn been looking after the painter's mother. While doing this she also worked for a number of years making archaeological reconstruction drawings for the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff. Her evenings were devoted to voluntary work with deprived children and their unemployed parents in the city's grim Spott area, which in those days lay in the shadow of the East Moors steelworks, whose emissions polluted its streets.

When war came in 1939 she pleaded with the authorities — at first unsuccessfully — to become a war artist. But eventually she was commissioned to paint for the record the fortified islands of Flat Holm and Steep Holm in the Bristol Channel. She wanted to go to Normandy to record the D-Day landings but this request was turned down. However, she was allowed to sketch the preparation of transports for the invasion in Cardiff Docks. Some of her wartime work is now held by the Imperial War Museum.

After the war she settled in London at Ravenscourt Park, where she had a house and studio in which she spent her winters, alternating them with

summers spent at St Martin's Haven, Dyfed. In 1948 she was introduced to the photographer Raymond Moore. This meeting was to mould the next twenty years of her life. In 1949 with Moore she went to the island of Skomer off the Pembrokeshire coast where they spent a summer painting. It was to be the first of several such summers for the pair until 1958 when Skomer was sold to the Nature Conservancy. This did not end the link with West Wales, however, since in 1960 Howard-Jones took a cottage at St Martin's Haven on the coast opposite. Meanwhile the painter and the photographer — the "other Ray" — had become a familiar sight on the London art scene.

The Welsh coast, its physical grandeur, its mythology and its mystical atmosphere, released something in Howard-Jones's imagination, which had first been stimulated by it as a child. She was to return to it as a subject again and again to the very end of her life. In 1958 she was commissioned to create a large mosaic for the front of Thomson House, the Cardiff headquarters of the *Western Mail* and *South Wales Echo* and in the following year she had her first exhibition at the Leicester Galleries, London, the first of five shows over the next ten years.

In 1970 the relationship with Ray Moore broke up but Howard-Jones continued to return to St Martin's Haven every summer, steeping herself ever more deeply in the atmosphere of the coast and the offshore islands. For her this meant not only the short excursion to nearby Skomer and

Skokholm but also visits to distant Grassholm, to which she would occasionally be able to gain access, and to the amazement of friends who accompanied her, sit impassively sketching amid the deafening clamour (not to mention the stench of guano) emanating from its 50,000 nesting gannets.

Her absorption in Wales led to her gradually withdrawing from the London art scene as the 1970s wore on. But, though this led to a tendency to think of her as a merely regional artist, this was not an accurate assessment, as can be seen from the work of her late flowering. Wales at least continued to notice her, with both the Welsh Arts Council and West Wales Arts mounting touring retrospective exhibitions in 1974 and 1983.

Eventually, after she had spent the winter of 1992-93 reassessing unexhibited work which had gathered in her London studio, the Rocket Contemporary Art exhibition and the publication of her poems *Heart of the Rock*, also in 1993, reminded the wider world of her qualities.

Until her late eighties Ray Howard-Jones continued to scramble up and down the cliffs from her West Wales studio to the beach at St Martin's Haven beneath. The essence of her art was that it was created in the open air, as the outpouring of seascapes attests. At her London home her contact with nature was just as close, and she was never happier than when in her wild garden watching and feeding the birds.

She never married and had no children.

HUGH POPHAM

Hugh Popham, Fleet Air Arm pilot and poet, died on June 30 aged 76. He was born on May 15, 1920.



A FLEET AIR ARM pilot, who was also a poet, Hugh Popham wrote verses which surveyed the maritime battlefield below him with crystalline detachment. His single poem in the *Oxford Book of 20th Century English Verse*, edited by Philip Larkin, is not, in the easy colloquialism of its phrasing, characteristic of his output in general, which recalls the verse of an earlier war. It limply describes the "exquisite boredom" of patrols at 20,000 feet: ships reduced to mere water beetles on the surface of the sea beneath; then the sudden jolt as enemy aircraft break into this stratospheric idyll and it is time for "the dulled drumming of wing cannon" and the presence of violent death.

As a poet, Popham wrote normally in the Georgian mode of Housman and James Elroy Flecker. But his war experiences provoked a different response in his sensibility. His poems of the perils of air combat and the desire of the airman to regain the pitching flight of his mother aircraft carrier after the "ruled tracer lines" and the "smoke flowering from the engines" are in the laconic style of Larkin himself. They are not philosophical in the manner of Yeats's *An Irish Airman Foresees his Death*. Rather, they capture the immediacy of technical detail: the scream of tormented engines revving frantically in the thin air of high altitudes; the burst of high explosive; smoke trails from broken aircraft threading their way seawards, down through thousands of feet of sky.

Born at Beer, in Devon, Hugh Henry Home Popham was educated at Repton and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. But in 1940 he had to break off from his law degree course there, joining the Fleet Air Arm. Soon, as a member of a Sea Hurricane Squadron, he flew combat air patrols from the aircraft carrier *Indomitable* over Operation Pedestal, the great relief convoy to Malta which battled

through air and U-boat opposition in August 1942. In the hazardous conditions of air operations in those days he had several brushes with death, finally breaking with another aircraft when his squadron was forming up in bad visibility. But he returned to action after a few months in plaster and participated in the Fleet Air Arm's activities off Italy in 1943.

He published his first volume of poems, *Against the Lightning*, in 1944, while still serving with the Fleet Air Arm. The volume took its title from the long *Poem from an Aircraft Carrier* which occupied most of the collection. It was received with enthusiasm as the outpouring of a sensitive and humane mind, and his publishers, Bodley Head, awarded him its £150 literary prize, no small sum in those days. In the meantime he continued his active service career as a deck landing control officer in aircraft carriers on Russian convoys.

After the war, Popham had various jobs, including teaching in Barbados. Returning to Britain after several years, he resumed a literary career and produced a range of books on many and disparate subjects. There were novels such as

Beyond the Eagle's Range (1951); a memoir *Sea Flight* (1954); and *Cape of Storms* (1957), a graphic description of Arctic trawling.

The sea and the life lived on it remained a constant preoccupation. Popham sailed his sloop in the Solent, made models of square-rigged ships, wrote a history of the Fleet Air Arm, *Into Wind* (1969), and edited the sailing journals of that consummate novelist of the sea, Erskine Childers.

Somewhat strangely, one of his most intriguing books was *F.A.N.Y. The Story of the Women's Transport Service 1907-84*, which was published in 1985. This was a lucid and perceptive account of that unique women's corps, founded almost by accident by a cavalryman in 1907, whose members have rendered distinguished service in a variety of capacities, ranging from driving ambulances in the First World War to being secret agents in the Second.

A *Damned Cunning Fellow*, a biography of his ancestor, Rear-Admiral Sir Home Popham, was published by his own publishing house, The Old Ferry Press, in 1991.

He is survived by his fourth wife Mary and by a son and daughter of a previous marriage.

T. F. WEST

Trustham Frederick West, research chemist and author, died on June 21 aged 85. He was born on April 19, 1911.

el was established to find substitutes for pyrethrum to protect troops against malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

The panel sought advice from West, then serving with the London Home Guard. He was seconded for special duties to the Office of the Scientific Advisers, Ministry of Production. In 1942 he was sent to the Far East and then to India in 1943 in response to a request from the High Command in

FREDDIE WEST was a research chemist who earned particular recognition among his profession during the Second World War, when Allied troops in the Far East were being devastated by malaria. He was taken, blindfold, to wartime airfields and flown secretly to bases abroad. Once there, West advised the Army on the best way to apply insecticide to the affected area. This was twenty years before Rachel Carson published her opinion-changing *Silent Spring*, and West was of that generation which saw DDT as the answer to all mosquito-borne diseases.

Born in Hertfordshire, the son of a butcher and poultry farmer, West was educated on a scholarship at Hertford Grammar School and took an external degree in chemistry at Sir John Cass College, University of London. During the day he worked for a pharmaceutical company, and studied by night. In 1934 he gained a first, and his master's degree in inorganic chemistry.

Subsequently, he carried out research on the detailed chemical structures of pyrethrin I and II, the insecticides extracted from the pyrethrum flowers, or African chrysanthemums. During the Second World War supplies of pyrethrum were scarce, particularly after Japan had joined hostilities. The Insecticides Research and Development Panel



India for an expert to instruct them on the use of DDT and pyrethrum mixtures.

He actually contracted malaria himself that year and was found unconscious in a lavatory in Delhi. The disease recurred for some years afterwards but, ironically, that initial attack saved his life. Had he not been immobilised, he would have been a passenger on the doomed flight he intended to catch, the one on which the actor Leslie Howard

died (West's name was not removed from the passenger list, with the result that his wife was informed that her husband was dead, only to find him, later, on her doorstep).

In 1946 he gained the degree of Doctor of Science from the University of London. After the war he travelled to Canada, where he lectured at the University of Toronto, and to Sydney, as director of research for a chemical company. From his headquarters in London, he directed the European operations for the Pyrethrum Board of Kenya. In 1960 he became editor of *Chemistry and Industry*. The editorials were noted as "models of best scientific writing". In 1976 he moved on to the Royal Society of Health, as editor of its *Journal* and, at the same time, to an honorary research fellowship at University College London. He retired in 1990.

West set questions in chemistry for the television programme *Mastermind*. He was co-author of several books on DDT and the chemical control of insects. Before global warming became a fashionable subject, he co-edited monographs on the British chemical industry, and, in 1980, on *Chlorofluorocarbons in the Environment: The Aerosol Controversy*. He also patented many new processes and devices (some invented in his garden shed). These included a wood preservative, an antidote for spider bites, and a UV filter for Antarctic expeditions.

His wife died in March. He is survived by their daughter.

MAJOR-GENERAL GEOFFREY ARMITAGE

Major-General Geoffrey Armitage, CBE, GOC Northumbrian District, 1970-72 died on June 23 aged 78. He was born on July 5, 1917.

GEOFFREY ARMITAGE was one of the few army officers, who managed successfully not only to transfer between Artillery and Armour halfway through his career, but also to become the professional head of his adopted arm as Director of the Royal Armoured Corps at an important juncture in the history of tank development.

Brought up in Ireland, he was educated at Haileybury and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, where he won the Sword of Honour and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1937. The Gunner half of his military career started in the 14th Anti-tank Regiment, RA, which went as part of the 4th Division with the British Expeditionary Force to France in 1939.

Surviving the retreat to Dunkirk, he stayed with the 4th Division which was deployed on anti-invasion defences in southern Hampshire. He became adjutant of his regiment in September 1940 and a battery commander a year later. In March 1943

the 4th Division sailed for North Africa, where his battery took part in the final battles for Tunis.

After the Axis forces had capitulated in May, he went to the Staff College at Haifa, and thereafter served with 7th Armoured Division, first as the brigade major of 2nd Armoured Brigade at Salerno; then as a divisional GSO2 in Normandy; and finally as a Royal Horse Artillery battery commander for the rest of the war in Europe. He was mentioned in dispatches and appointed MBE (mil) in 1945.

It was during the crossing of the Rhine and the subsequent advance to the Baltic that his battery was supporting 8th Hussars' armoured regimental group commanded by Desmond (later General Sir Desmond) Fitzpatrick.

In 1946, he spent a year in the Mediterranean in the aircraft carrier *HMS Ocean* as an Army/Air Liaison Officer, which he greatly enjoyed. He was then specially selected as a former Sword of Honour winner to be one of the first of the Royal Artillery's representative instructors at the new Royal Military Academy Sandhurst — the amalgamation of the prewar Sandhurst and Woolwich. Desmond Fitzpatrick was asked by his



regiment, The Royal Dragoons (1st Dragoons), to find some potential commanding officers from other arms who were willing to transfer. Much to the Gunners' fury, Armitage decided to accept the Royals' invitation to join them in 1951.

His transfer in mid-career could have been risky had it not been for his personal abilities and his experience in armoured warfare gained during his two years with 7th Armoured Division. He was gifted in sporting activities that would appeal to a cavalry regiment. He had won the army pentathlon; excelled as a polo player; was a successful

breeder and trainer of gun-dogs; and had a lifelong interest in all country pursuits. At that time, he was re-establishing the Staff College and Sandhurst pack of drag hounds.

Within four years of transferring he had become a highly respected regimental commander of The Royal Dragoons. He went on to be an instructor at the Imperial Defence College, 1959-60 and a colonel, General Staff, in the War Office, 1960-62. Such was the confidence that he had inspired in Royal Armoured Corps circles that he was appointed Commandant of the British tank Mecca, the Royal Armoured Corps Centre at Bovington, 1962-65.

His artillery and tank experience, coupled with his ability as a Staff Officer, made him a natural choice as Chief of Staff to 1st (British) Corps in Germany in 1966. It was not an easy time to hold such a responsible job; Denis Healey's rolling defence reviews were in full swing, and the 1966 sterling crisis made it imperative to fight back to defend 1st Corps from Treasury-driven cuts in its capabilities. To his relief, having been promoted major-general and appointed CBE in 1968, he returned to England to take

over as Director Royal Armoured Corps.

It was a case of out of the frying pan into the fire. The new Challenger tank was just being brought into service. Regrettably, the gross unreliability of its 160 engine, which was no fault of his, marred his tenure as Director, by causing constant changes in the re-equipment programmes of the armoured regiments. On the positive side, however, the promising development of the world-beating Chobham armour for defeating anti-tank missiles was coming to fruition at that time.

His last job in the Army was as Commander of Northumbrian District at Catterick, 1970-72, at the time of the first miners' strike against the Heath Government. The Army found itself involved in giving the police support, when and where needed to handle demonstrations, in the North East.

On his retirement in 1973, he gave much of his time to the Country Landowners' Association, running its Gamefair from 1973 to 1979.

In 1949 he married a widow, Monica Wall Kent. They had one son and she had a daughter by her first marriage. All survive him.

Church news

Appointments

Canon John Edge, Curate, Briercliffe, Burnley (Blackburn); to be Resident Minister, West Felton (Lichfield).

The Rev Debbie Flach, Assistant Curate, Chantilly, France; to be Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Maison-Lafitte, France (Europe).

The Rev Jeremy Fletcher, Priest-in-charge, St Andrew's, Skegby, and All Saints, Chapel of Ease, Stanton Hill; to be also Priest-in-charge, Teveral St Katherine (Southwell).

The Rev Kathleen (Kay) Garlick, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Mary and St Thomas à Becket, Much Birch, St Mary, Little Birch, St David, Much Dewchurch, Christ Church, Llanwrne, Llandinabo (Hereford); to be also Chaplain to the Sixth Form College, Hereford.

The Rev Laura Gibson, Team Vicar, Birchen Copple, Kidderminster West Team Ministry; to be Priest-in-charge, Mablew Bayton, Rock w Heighington w Far Forest (Worcester).

The Rev Timothy Gill, Assistant Curate, North Hull, St Michael

and All Angels; to be Priest-in-charge, Seacombe, St Paul w Christ Church and St Silas, and Priest-in-charge, Seacombe, St Mary (York).

The Rev Frances Hancock, Adviser on Women in Ministry, and Curate (NSM), St Peter, Peterchurch; St Bartholomew, Vowchurch; St Mary Magdalen, Turnstone; and St Faith, Dorstone (Hereford); to be also a Prebend of Hereford Cathedral.

The Rev Michael Hart, Rector, St Mary, Newington; to be Priest-in-charge, and Team Rector-designate, St Mary, Caterham and St Peter and St Paul, Chaldon (Southwark).

The Rev John Higgins, Rector, Arthur: to be Social Responsibility Officer for the diocese of Carlisle and Assistant Priest, Carlisle, Castle Carrack, Brunton, Castle Carrack, Cunnaw and Farlam, same diocese.

The Rev David Humphries, Vicar, St Thomas, Greenland and West

Vale (Wakefield); to be Vicar, Shawbury w Moreton Corbet and Stanton upon Hine Heath (Lichfield).

The Rev Peter Ingrams, Vicar, St Mary Magdalen, Shest; to be Vicar, St John the Baptist, Locks Heath (Portsmouth).

The Rev Peter Jaram, Assistant Curate, Bridlington Priory; to be Assistant Curate, Rufforth w Moor Monkton and Hessey, and Heslough w Wighill, Billbrough and Ashham (York).

The Rev Timothy Jones, Assistant Curate, Middlesbrough; St Martin; to be Curate, with special responsibility for the Rountons and Welbury, and part-time Chaplain to HM Remand Centre, Northallerton (York).

The Rev Derek Little, Vicar, St Stephen, Canonbury (London); to be Rector, St Thomas and St Nicholas Mission Church, Bedhampton (Portsmouth).

The Rev Canon Terry Louden, Vicar, St Philip, Cosham; to be

Vicar, All Saints', East Moon, and St John the Evangelist, Langrish and Director of Continuing Ministerial Education (Portsmouth).

The Rev Julian McCready, Rector, Clonsall and Warrenton (Down and Down); to be Chaplain to Liverpool College.

The Rev Timothy Marks, Rector, Eltham w Croxson, Gravelly w Velling and Tostland (Bly); to be Director of Network Counselling and Training, same diocese.

The Rev David North, Rector, Whitlington, Oswestry; to be also Priest-in-charge, West Felton (Lichfield).

The Rev Canon Stephen Oliver, Archdeacon to the Archbishop of Capetown (Province of South Africa); to be Lecturer/Preacher, Newland Almshouses, Coleford (Gloucester).

The Rev Marion Palmer, Curate, St Mary Magdalen, Gillingham; to be Curate, Farnborough (Rochester).

The Rev David Pickett, Vicar, Old Basing and Rural Dean of Basingstoke (Winchester); to be also an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral.

SERAJEVO AND AFTER

A number of arrests are reported to have been made in connection with the Serajevo crime, and the lodgings of Serb students at the Universities of Prague and Graz have been searched. Authentic accounts of the crime, given by persons who were actually present with the Archduke, give the tragedy more and more an aspect of fatality. There is little doubt that before his departure for Bosnia the Archduke was conscious that he was undertaking a dangerous journey. When during the railway journey the grease boxes of the carriage became heated he remarked, "Now it's beginning, and down there they will throw bombs at us." But the actual assassination was rendered easy by the most extraordinary combination of circumstances. The Duchess had been slightly grazed in the neck by a splinter from the first bomb, but she maintained her coolness and begged her husband to be allowed to continue to accompany him after he left the town hall. After the

ON THIS DAY

July 8, 1914

Details of the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand appeared on the same page as an account of the visit by the British fleet to the German fleet at Kiel. Within a month the two countries were at war.

reception at the Rathaus, the Archduke expressed his intention of visiting the Merizzi Hospital, and fell in with the suggestion that he should drive thither along the Appel Quay. Nobody would be expecting him to travel along this road, which is broad and straight, and along which, in consequence, he could drive very fast, and so diminish the possibility of a successful attempt. The mistake made by the Mayor's car in turning into a side street brought the Archduke's car to a standstill at a spot within a few

yards of where Prinzp was standing. Finally, the slightest divergence of the bullets would have rendered the wounds not necessarily fatal.

KIEL AND AFTER

The British naval visit to Kiel, although its festivities were dimmed by the tragedy of Serajevo, was a great success and gave fine proof of naval comradeship the world over and of German hospitality. The reception was warm and sincere. It is not an empty convention that exalts Emperors and Kings to the highest rank in the armies and navies with which they compete and with which they sometimes come to blows. It is rather a symbol of brotherhood in arms — exhibited at Kiel alike when the Emperor William hoisted the flag of a British Admiral in the *King George V*, when Sir George Warrender and the President of the German Navy League exchanged enthusiastic speeches in Kiel Town Hall, and when the German and British bluejackets made merry ashore.

NEWS

MPs urge battle over 48-hour week

Tory MPs are to try to force the Prime Minister into a head-on confrontation with Brussels over a ruling by the European Court imposing a maximum 48-hour week on British workers.

Although the judgment is not likely to be issued by the court until September, the Euro-sceptics intend to exploit the issue this week. John Redwood says that the decision must stay with Parliament. Page 1

Oxford doubles its professors

Oxford University has almost doubled its number of professors, appointing more in a single year than in the past decade, in an unprecedented attempt to raise the status of its dons. Lecturers at Oxford and Cambridge have grown increasingly frustrated at playing second fiddle to less eminent academics elsewhere. Page 1

Historic win

Holland's Richard Krajicek created Wimbledon history after beating the American MaliVai Washington in the first men's final with two unseeded players. Pages 1, 3

Ulster fears

A confrontation between hundreds of Orangemen and armed police on the outskirts of Portadown, County Armagh, intensified amid fears that the protest could spread throughout Northern Ireland. Page 1

Blair backs off

Tony Blair has backed away from a damaging confrontation with his MPs over a threat to scrap this year's elections to the Shadow Cabinet. Page 2

Return from dead

For a man thought to be dead, Leslie Powles, 70, a lone sailor, was enjoying life to the full yesterday. Page 3

Manchester gala

Three weeks after the IRA tried to tear the heart out of Manchester, some of the shops closest to the blast reopened with balloons, bunting, brass bands and celebrity guests. Page 4

Legal perks

Leading City law firms are providing their staff with an unrivalled range of perks ranging from in-house swimming pools and gyms to stress counselling and yoga sessions. Page 6

Designer mosquito to beat malaria

A new breed of mosquito could be designed to act as a "flying hypodermic syringe" to prevent malaria, the disease they normally spread. The genetically-engineered variety would transfer a protein through its saliva which would act as a vaccine, immunising the victim against the disease which claims more than two million lives a year. Page 1

Prudish Versace

Gianni Versace, the king of overtly sexual evening wear, has abandoned the "happy hooker" look. His couture show is verging on the prudish. Page 7

Paying for nothing

The Government is paying nearly £1 million a year in rent for an empty 17-storey office block that it does not want, cannot use and cannot sub-let. Page 8

French dilemma

The detention of Loïc Le Floch-Prigent — the head of SNCF, France's state-owned railway — poses an embarrassing dilemma for the Gaullists. Page 9

Israeli disclosures

Fresh disclosures about the private life of Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, and his third wife, Sara, 35, dominated the media. Page 10

Blow for Dole

The Whitewater special prosecutor, dealt a blow to Bob Dole's hopes of winning the White House by suggesting that he was unlikely to recommend criminal charges against President Clinton before the election. Page 11

Mandela's problem

Nelson Mandela enjoys an unchallengeable authority and huge popularity in South Africa — and yet he has only a limited control over affairs of his Government. Page 11



Three of the participants at a "poetry Olympics" held in the Albert Hall, London, yesterday who recited their works to an audience of only 500. From left: Kazuko Shiraiishi, Heathcote Williams and Roger McGough. Page 3

BUSINESS

Looking up: Business optimism in the financial sector is growing on the back of the strongest increase in volumes since the 1980s. Page 44

Store prospects: Somerfield will seek to reassure potential investors that its £500 million flotation remains on track when it reports a sharp rise in profits. Page 44

Heady brew: Guinness will make a Stock Exchange statement in response to a leaked document that suggested it was considering a £13.2 billion takeover bid for Grand Metropolitan. Page 44

Drug ruling: Glaxo Wellcome's attempts to protect the market share of Zantac, its money-spinning anti-ulcer drug, suffered a setback when Novopharm won the right to produce a generic version. Page 44

FEATURES

German conspirators: In the first extract from his controversial book *Plotting Hitler's Death* Joachim Fest tells the true story of the bungled plot. Page 13

Village radio: As Archers fans prepare to board a special cruise, an editor tells the inside story of *Archie* and Libby Purves tells of her love-hate relationship with radio's famous soap. Page 14, 15

MIND AND MATTER

Falsely memory: Scientists in America have discovered that the brain appears to be more active when it is recalling the truth. Page 12

Horror story: The *New Scientist* says that weeds are showing signs of resistance to the world's favourite herbicide, glyphosate. Page 12

ARTS

Think big: Rambert Dance Company celebrates its 70th birthday with a season at the Coliseum, a theatre it could never have dreamt of filling five years ago. Page 16

Mr Nice Guy: Bill Cosby may be a multimillionaire, and one of the most influential figures in American television, but when it comes to comedy he still likes to play one of life's also-rans. Page 16

Musical debuts: Both Peter Maxwell Davies and John Woolrich had new operas to unveil, making it a red-letter week for British opera. Page 16

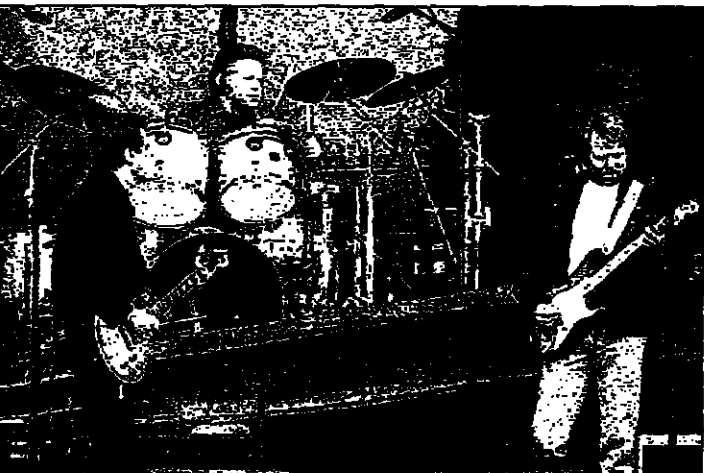
Star trio: The Three Tenors played Wembley Stadium and proved that even though they total 165 years, they still have what it takes to thrill an audience. Page 17

TOMORROW

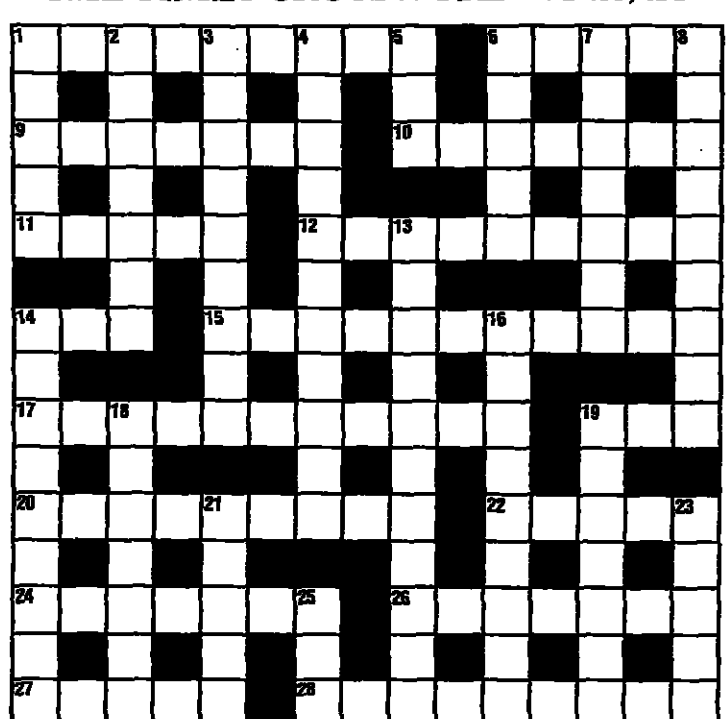
IN THE TIMES

OLD BOYS
The Eagles are back but have the veteran Californian rockers still got what it takes?

BOMB PLOTTERS
Day 2 of the Stauffenberg Solution: how Britain betrayed the conspirators



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- ACROSS
- Appropriate feature found with a kind of porcelain (4,5).
 - Beastly transport turned up at length (5).
 - He uses specious argument to get work attributed to him, in a way (7).
 - Christian, perhaps, turning cheek to relentless pursuer (7).
 - Sheep road finally leading to river (5).
 - Carpeting agent operating as traveller (9).
 - Signal indicating line up, reportedly (3).
 - Unconfined trouble in the plant (11).
 - Dispute note offered in change (11).
 - Partners separated by individual falling (3).
 - Female warring in public address of remarkable events (9).
 - Former partner going to law to press demand (5).
 - Striking form shown by Ishmael, possibly (7).
- DOWN
- Settled since accepted in retirement accommodation (5).
 - Writer's uplifting music that's incorporated in *The Planets* (7).
 - Greek character, a retailer supplying Phidias, for example? (9).
 - Dishonestly import exotic oriental pet (11).
 - Ignoring the odds, gallop mount (3).
 - Small group joined by old music-maker (5).
 - Swallow one drink (7).
 - Tree on common providing shade (4,5).
 - Endlessly make assertion about soldiers in a fix (11).
 - Defenders may be supreme competitors (9).
 - One who has to undergo a lot in boring job? (9).
 - Scene of operations during or after fighting (7).
 - Prize taken by the Spanish, a cutter in 18 (7).
 - One who has to find tomatohawks? Just the opposite (5).
 - Leaders in Times examining election next year? Very little (5).
 - Teachers over a barrel (3).

ABERLOUR

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,213 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday's highest day temp: Graveland, Kent, 21°C (70°F); lowest day temp: Cape Wrath, 10°C (50°F); highest rainfall: Penryn, Cornwall, 5.5mm; lowest rainfall: Jersey, 14.0mm.

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FORECAST

General: England and Wales will have a clear and dry start and a largely sunny morning. Cloud will increase in the afternoon and there may be odd showers but mostly it will remain dry. Later cloud and drizzle may edge into western parts.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a bright or sunny morning. Cloud increasing by afternoon but still with sunny intervals in central and eastern parts. Over Northern Ireland there may be patchy drizzle by afternoon, this spreading to western Scotland later.

London, S.E. England, E. Anglia, Central S. England, Midlands, E. England, NW. England, Lake District, Central N. England: bright or sunny periods, mainly dry. Winds light north-west. Cool. Max 19C (66F).

Channel Isles, S.W. England, Argyll, NW. Scotland: bright and dry, sunny intervals, becoming hazy later. Cloudy with drizzle in places by late evening.

Winds light north-west or west. Cool. Max 18C (64F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: partly cloudy, a few light showers. Winds light north-west or west. Cool. 14C to 17C (57F to 63F).

N. Ireland: bright morning, clouding over then patchy rain in afternoon. Wind light or moderate west or north-west. Cool. 17C (63F).

Outlook: cloudy with rain at times on Tuesday, brighter on Wednesday.

Pollen forecast: Scotland, north-east England, London, low to moderate; East Midlands, East Anglia, North Wales, South East, moderate; Northern Ireland, South West, moderate to high; north-west England, West Midlands, South Wales, high.

24 hrs to 5 pm: b: bright; c: cloud; d: drizzle; ds: dust storm; du: dust; f: fair; fg: fog; g: gale; h: hail; l: light; m: mist; o: overcast; r: rain; s: sun; t: thunder; w: wind; x: unknown; y: yellow; z: zero.

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Review: Sara Thornton's story worked better as drama than Lynne Truss expected. Page 43

OPINION

The Tory gauntlet

The more doggedly the Chancellor pursues his plans to control public borrowing and spending, the more he will help the Government's re-election chances. Page 19

Sandpaper and silk

A second front in the Conservative assault on Tony Blair is launched today: David Willetts's erudite and elegant essay, *Blair's Gurus*, which attacks the philosophical foundations of new Labour. Page 19

In another July

In the light of the British failure to support the July plot against Hitler, we may wish to reconsider our wartime record. Page 19

COLUMNS

TIM CONGDON

If workers in this country